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Magistrate of any County of this Province upon whose Certificate of the delivery of such person Run awaye the said Summe of four hundred pounds of Tobacco to be raised and levied out of the publick Assessments and allowed and paid to such person so taking up and delivering to a Magistrate as aforesaid such Run awaye as aforesaid and the master mistres dame or owner of such Servant (if it be a Servant that is so taken up) to Reimburst the Publick again the said summe of four hundred pounds of Tobacco upon the Delivery of his or her Servant And the said Servant to Reimburst the master mistres dame or owner by Servitude or otherwise to the full satisfaction & Content of the said master mistres dame or owner. But if the Runaway so taken up and delivered to the Magistrate as aforesaid be a freeman then such Runaway to be Imprioned till such time as he hath made Satisfaction by Reimbursing the Publick the said Summe of four hundred pounds of Tobacco or shall give good Security for the same or shall make Satisfaction by Servitude or otherwise Provided that any Servant that Runns away out of Somersett County into Accomack such person that takes him up shall have but two hundred pounds of Tobacco & no more This Act to endure for three years or to the end of the next Generall Assembly which shall first happen.

An Act Touching Coopers and gage of Tobacco Hogheads

Whereas severall Complaints have been made by divers Marchants Masters of Ships & others of the unreasonable size of Tobacco cask made in this Province whereby there are disabled to answer such freight as they agree for & thereby discouraged to bring their Ships hither which may turn to an apparent decay of trade if not timely prevented and that the Coopers employed to make caskes & sett up Tobacco hogheads doe for the most part either through idleness or willfullness neglect refuse or delay to sett up and