

Truly first day of Sept. in the sixth year of the reign of
 our sovereign Lord and Lady King William and Queen Mary
 Anno Dni 1694 Enacted an Act touching Coopers and the
 Gauge of 1000 Hogheads in which said Act are several
 Penalties laid on Coopers for their neglect and non perform-
 ance of the several Statutes in the said Act to them relating
 and whereas it plainly appears that the planter or employer
 is the principall Transgressor of the said Act by causing the
 Cooper with whom he agrees to make the said Hogheads of a
 larger size then is by the said Act provided and directed -
Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most Excellent
 Majesty by and with the advice and consent of this present Gen-
 Assembly and the Authority of the same that any person
 whatsoever that shall hereafter agree with or employ any
 Cooper or other persons to make 1000 Hogheads and shall
 suffer or cause the same to be made of a larger size then by the
 said Act is directed shall for every Cask or Hoghead so made
 forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds of 1000 and
 after the same rate for a greater or lesser quantity the one
 halfe thereof to be paid to our Sovereign Lord the King and the
 other halfe to the informer or him or them that will sue for
 the same to be recovered by action of Debt Bill Plaint or
 Informations in any of his Maj Courts of record within this
 Province wherein no Treyners profession or wager of Law is
 to be allowed and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid
 That this Law be given in charge by the Justices of every res-
 pective County in this province to the Grand Jury by them
 to be required of this Act to be and remain in full force till
 an Act herein mentioned be repealed or otherwise made void