

shall first happen by former Law Usage or Custom to  
the Contrary Notwithstanding.

April the 10<sup>th</sup> 1707. Read and assented to by the house  
of Delegates Signed & order W. Saylard ~~Esq~~

April the 10<sup>th</sup> 1707. Read and assented to by Her Majesty's  
hon<sup>ble</sup> Council & Signed & order W. Bladen Council.

April the 15<sup>th</sup> 1707

On behalf of her Majesty Queen Anne of England &c  
I will This be a Law

Seal

Jo. Seymour

An Act to prevent Cropping Cutting  
and Defacing Tobacco Taken on board  
Ships and Vessels Upon freight ~

Whereas the Inhabitants of This province  
That do ship their Tobacco on board of Ships or  
other Vessels upon Freight are much Injured  
by the Cropping Cutting Lessening & diminishing &  
Defacing of the Hogsheads wherein such Tobacco is  
packt by the Masters of Ships or other Vessels or  
by other Persons on board the said Ships or Vessels  
under their Comand and government for remedy  
whereof for the future. ~

Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent  
Majesty by and with the advice and Consent of her Majesty's  
Governour Council & Assembly of this province and the  
Authority of the Same that every master of ship or  
other Vessel within this province that shall Lett out

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