

Appoint two honest & sufficient men (upon any occasion to impress
Provisions in every hundred in every County within this Province
to Impress all manner of provisions & other necessaries sufficient
to supply any party to be sent out against any Enemy or Enemies
whatssoever And that the severall & respective Sheriffs of the
severall Counties of this Province be aiding & assisting to the said
persons from time to time to be appointed in every hundred for
the impressing provisions as aforesaid This Act to endure for three
years or to the end of the next Sessions of Assembly which shall
first happen —

An Act touching Coopers & Gage of Tobacco Pipes

Whereas severall Complaints have been made by divers Merchants
Masters of Shippes & others of the unreasonable size of tobacco Cases
made in this Province whereby they are disabled to Answer such Freight
as they agree for & thereby discouraged to bring their Shippes hither
which may turne to an apparent decay of trade if not timely prevented
And that the Coopers employed to make Cases & sett up tobacco Pipes
for the most part either through idleness or wilful neglect refuse or
delay to sett up & finish the quantity of Pipes & tobacco Cases to be sett up
& made till very late in the year & till Shipping time be almost done
to the great prejudice of Merchants Planters & Inhabitants in this
Province Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord
Proprietary by & with the advice & consent of the upper & lower houses
this present Gen^l Assembly & the Authority of the same That all tobacco
Pipes which shall hereafter be made within this Province shall be
the size of forty three inches in length & twenty seven inches in
head & not under the size of forty two inches in the length & twenty six
inches in the head And that what Cooper or Coopers or other person or
persons that shall make tobacco Pipes & doe not observe the gage
aforesaid shall forfeit the said Cases and upon Complaint thereof made
be censured for his or their default by each respective County Court
where such person or persons doe Inhabit And that any Cooper or
Coopers person or persons whatsoever that shall agree with any the
Inhabitants of this Province & undertake with him or them to sett
up or make his or their tobacco Pipes or Cases shall & are hereby
enjoynd to make sett up & finish one halfe of the said tobacco Pipes or
Cases by the tenth day of Octob^r next & soe by the tenth day of Octob^r
in any year And the said Cooper or Coopers person or persons soe
agreeing or undertaking to sett up the said Cases as aforesaid shall
are alsoe hereby enjoynd to make sett up & finish the other
moity & halfe part of the said tobacco Pipes or Cases by or before
tenth day of Decemb^r next coming or by or before the tenth
of Decemb^r in any year And if any Cooper or Coopers person
persons whatsoever within this Province soe agreeing