

Appoint two honest & sufficient men (upon any occasion to improve
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
whatsoever & And that the severall & respective Sheriffs of the
severall Counties of this Province be aiding & assisting to the said
persons from tyme to tyme 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 Casse
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 Casse & set up tobacco pipes do
for the most part either through idleness or wilfulness neglect refuse or
delay to set up & finish the quantity of pipes & tobacco Casse to be set up
& made here very late in the year & the shipping tyme 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
Proprietory by & with the advice & consent of the upper & lower houses of
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 the
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 Casse 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 set
up or make his or their tobacco pipes or Casse shall & are hereby
enjoyned to make set up & finish one halfe of the said tobacco pipes or
Casse by the tenth day of October next & soe by the tenth day of October
in any year And the said Cooper or Coopers person or persons soe
agreeing or undertaking to set up the said Casse as aforesaid shall &
are alsoe hereby enjoyned to make set up & finish the other
moiety & halfe part of the said tobacco pipes or Casse by or before
tenth day of December next coming or by or before the tenth
of December in any year & And if any Cooper or Coopers person
persons whatsoever within this Province soe agreeing