

Directions of the act of a Assembly of the Province for speedy trial
of Criminals and for the payment of their fees and that it
shall and may be Lawfull for the Justices of the severall and
Respective County Courts of the Province to allow unto every
Witness or persons that shall be summoned to give their Evidence
in their severall & respective County Courts in any action
or Controversy depending in the said Courts the sum of
~~three~~ thirty pounds of tobacco for every day they attend
as an Evidence until such Cause shall be tried and no more
to be paid in the same manner as Evidence that attend of
provinciall Courts are herein before directed to be paid.
May 30: 1715: Read and ^{assented} by. May the 30th: 1715: Read and
the house of Delegates and signed ^{assented} by his Hon^{ble} Council
of order Tho^s Macnemara Secy of the Hon^{ble} Council
June the 3^d: 1715: On the Behalfe of his most Sacred Majestic
King George of great Brittain &c. Thus this be a Law

J: Hart

An Act ascertaining the Gauge & tare of
Tobacco Hogsheads & to prevent Gipping and
defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships or Depts
upon freight & for laying impositions on Tobacco
per the Hogshead for the support of Government
& for the Encouraging Settlements in this
Province by ascertaining the Manner of paying
the Alienation fines & Quit rents to the Lord
Proprietary of this Province on the Conditions
therein mentioned.

For as much as the Laws heretofore made for ascertaining
the Gauge of Tobacco Hogsheads have in great measure
proved ineffectuall either for want of laying sufficient
penalties upon the Offenders or of proper methods to punish
them but more especially as it seems to this present Generall
Assembly by requiring a Compliance with such a Gauge as
hath been found by Experience to tend to the ruin of such
traders as were strict observers of it the generality of our
Tobacco being of so light & Chaffy a Nature that it had been