

suffer any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco to be Cut Cropt or otherwise
 in their length or breadth or by any other Way or Means abused defaced
 or impaired that then & in every such Case such Master of Ship or Vessel
 for every Hogshead of Tobacco to Cut or suffered to be Cut Cropt or otherwise
 in their length or breadth abused defaced or impaired to be proved by the
 Oath of any sufficient person to whom the Tobacco is Consigned in Great
 Brittain or other sufficient Witness taken before any Magistrate or
 a Certificat thereof made by any Notary Publick or Magistrate potent
 shalbet under his hand & seal or by any other legall prooffe whatsoever
 made in this Province or Else where shall forfeit & pay the sume of five
 hundred pounds of Tobacco or fifty shillings to the party proved to be
 recovered in any Court of record in this Province against such Master
 or his security by action of debt or on the Case within seven years
 after the date of the Bill or Bills of lading of such Tobacco And
 be it ~~enacted~~ enacted by the authority aforesd that the security or
 securitys of any Master of a Ship or Vessel within this Province shall
 be liable to make satisfaction according to this Act for the Cropping
 Cutting abusing defacing & impairing of any Hogshead or Hogsheads
 of Tobacco as aforesd & prosecuted for the same in any Court of Record
 within this Province that can hold Plea thereof & that every Havall
 Officer within this Province shall on pain of fifty shillings Certify
 under his hand & seal who are the security or securitys of any such
 Master wch shall be a sufficient Evidence in any Court of Record where
 such Action is Comenced to prove who are the security or securitys
 of such Master for wch Certificat the Havall Officer may have & receive
 one shilling & no more & that the towall & respective Havall Officers
 within this Province shall hang a fair Copy of this Law in their
 respective Offices for the perusal of all Masters of ships & Vessells
 the Havall Officer to have & receive for the 1^o Copy one hundred pound
 of Tobacco to be allowed in the County levy - And forasmuch as by
 the Enlargement of Tobacco Hogsheads from the late Gauge of thirty
 Inches in the Diameter of the head to this present Gauge a larger quan-
 tity of Tobacco will be reported in each Hogshead whereby the towall
 duty's & imposts on Tobacco by the Hogshead will be wident & brented
 & lessened unless a just regard be had to the preservation of them in
 their usuall Worth & Value wch this Present genall Assembly is highly
 obliged to those duty's being generally applyed to the Support of Governm^t
 & for other the most important affairs of this Province & that
 therefore it is not only just but necessary that the duty's upon the
 Hogsheads wch shall be of the Gauge herein directed should be in some
 sort Enlarged proportionably to the Enlargem^t of the 1^o Gauge it is