

Commissioners or Trustees, for the Time being, at the Request, and by the Order of the Representatives of St. Mary's, Charles, Prince George's, Baltimore, Calvert, Dorchester, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent, and Cecil Counties, shall pay to such Representatives, for the Time being, or the major Part of the Representatives of each County, or their Order, the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, in the said Bills of Credit; to be applied, as by the aforesaid recited Act is directed; any Law to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An A C T, Ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogsheads; and to prevent Cutting, Cropping, and Defacing Tobacco, taken on board Ships or Vessels, upon Freight.

WHEREAS, as well for the Supporting and Maintaining the Public Faith and Credit, by the just and equal Paiments of all Duties laid upon Tobacco, exported out of this Province; as also for the Encouragement of Trade, by the fair and honest Performance of all Contracts, concerning the Freight of Tobacco, which is usually exported in Hogsheads, it is absolutely necessary, That the Gauge of Tobacco Hogsheads should be ascertained:

BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of October next ensuing, no Hoghead or Hogsheads wherein any Tobacco shall be packed, shall exceed Forty Eight Inches in the Stave, and Thirty Two Inches in the Diameter of the Head, within the Croze, or Thirty Seven Inches in the Diameter of the Bulge. And for deterring all Persons whatsoever, from the committing any Fraud in the Gauge of their Tobacco Hogsheads, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act,

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful, for any Person or Persons, suspecting or knowing of any Hoghead or Hogsheads, that shall exceed the Gauge aforesaid, to call to his Assistance, any Justice, Sheriff, Coroner, or Constable, living or residing within the County where such Tobacco Hogsheads shall be suspected or known, and to enter into any House, Warehouse, Ship, Boat, or other Vessel, and there, in the Presence of such Justice, or other Officer aforesaid, who are hereby required to be aiding and assisting to such Informer therein, to seize and mark with the Broad Arrow, every such Hoghead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, as such Informer shall request such Justice, or other Officer, to view, on Suspicion of exceeding the Gauge aforesaid: And also, That such Justice, or other Officer, shall, on Request of such Informer, (and is hereby required to) proceed in such Manner as he shall think most proper, to examine the Gauge thereof; so as no Hoghead or Hogsheads of Tobacco stowed away on board any Ship or other Sea Vessel, shall, on such Information, be unstowed; unless such Hoghead or Hogsheads appear in View: And if upon such Examination, any Hoghead or Hogsheads shall, by any such Justice or other Officer aforesaid, be found to exceed the Gauge aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or other Officer, immediately to condemn the same, to the Use of such Informer, who shall thereupon be immediately invested with the Property thereof; and the Judgment of such Justice or other Officer therein, shall be final: And if the Tobacco so seized and condemned, as aforesaid, should happen to be packed and paid away by any other Person than the Party in whose Possession