

Four hundred pounds of Tobacco in Cask of their six more  
 then we can in Cask of our six our Tobacco being thin and  
 Chaffoy, and that till her Majesty's Pleasure be knowne therein  
 our Gauge be 48 Inches the length of the and the diameter of  
 the heading be 30 Inches not exceeding 32 Inches, and that a  
 forfeiture of five hundred pounds of Tobacco for each Cask  
 exceeding the Gauge be imposed upon ever person or Cooper make  
 or setting up any other Cask

And that if any Master Mate or person belonging to any  
 Shipp or Vessel shall Crop Squeeze or deface any Tobacco Ship  
 on Freight the Master forfeit and pay five hundred pounds of  
 Tobacco so Crop Squeeze'd or defaced, and that in case any hoghead  
 exceeding the said Gauge, shall happen to be taken on board by  
 any Master undiscovered at the time of taking the same it may  
 be Lawfull for such Master to putt such Tobacco on shore there  
 to lay at the Owners Risque.

2<sup>ed</sup>. As to that part of his Excellency's Speech Relating to  
 the Divulgers of false news.

It is the Opinion of the Conferences  
 It's Unanimously Agreed by the Conferences that the Justices of  
 the severall Countys have Authority to bind such persons  
 over to their next Court who have power to punish them as dis-  
 turbors of the Peace and that they cannot find any way to make a  
 Law to restrain such Reports, but will expose innocent persons  
 to the Malice of Informers

As to that part of S<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Laurence's Complaint touching Ordinarie  
 Lycences

It is the Opinion of the Conferences that S<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Laurence has  
 no right to the fine on Ordinarie Lycences and that a full answer be  
 drawn to his Complaint and sent to her Majesty for her better infor-  
 mation, and that it be therein mention'd that the Gross of  
 the Secretaries Office is vastly increased of late through  
 the Multitude of busines therein, and that by means of the  
 late Warre, or product of this Province is become of so little  
 Value, that the Ordinarie Lycences Money be continued to  
 her Majesty a help to defray the Charge of the severall  
 Countys of this Province as by the former Act of Assembly  
 Signed order Thomas Jones & Conferences