

This 30th Day of September 1708. Were present
 Of her Majesty's Honble Council
 The Honble { Coll Edward Lloyd, Coll W^m Holland
 W^m Courby Esq. Tho: Greenfield Esq
 Of the House of Delegates
 The Honble { M^r Rob^t Bradley, M^r Rob^t Taylor, M^r Rob^t Skinner
 M^r Solomon Wright, Wornell Hunt Esq.
 M^r Nathaniel Daws, M^r John Salter.

Who appoint Thomas Bordley to be their Clerk, and first proceed to the consideration of her Majesty's recommendation that the Gauge of Tob^o hogsheads in this Province should be the same with that of Virg^a.

In reference to which it's Unanimously agreed by the Conferres that the Queen be Address'd that our former Gauge^{ing} be continued for that the Tobacco in Virginia being thick and waxy they can packe three or four hundred^{ts} Tobacco, in casques of their size more then we can in Casque of our size our Tobacco being thin and Chaffey

And that till her Majesty's pleasure be known therein our Gauge, be 48. Inches in the length of the Stave, and the Diameter of the heading betwixt nine Inches and not exceeding 32. Inches and that a forfeiture of five hundred pounds of Tobacco for each Casq^e Exceeding the Gauge be imposed upon every person or Cooper making or setting up any such Casque

And that if any Master Mate or person belonging to any Ship or Vessel, shall Clogg Squash or deface any Tob^o Shift on freight the Master forfeit and pay five hundred pounds of Tobacco, for each Casque so Stript Squash'd or defaced, and that in case any hogshead Exceeding the said Gauge shall happen to be taken on board by any Master undiscover'd at the time of taking the same, it may be lawfull for such Master to put such Tobacco on Shore there to lye at the risque of the owners thereof

And as to that part of his Excellency's Speech relating to Divulgers of false news &c?

It's Unanimously agreed by the said Conferres that the Justices of the County's have authority to bind such persons over to the next Court who have power to punish them as disturbers of the peace, and that they cannot find any Law to restrain such reports but what will expose innocent persons to the Malice of Informers

Signed J^r Order Tho: Bordley
 & Conferres