

May it please your ^{Excy,} By the House of Delegates December 3 1708—

This House having under Consideration that Part of your Excellency's Speech relating to Itinerant Judges do find some Difficulties relating to the Charges that will accrue thereby which they cannot well calculate therefore humbly desire that your Excellency would please to order a Scheme of the Charge may be drawn up and laid before this House for their Inspection.

Signed by Order Rich^d. Dallam Secy. of the House.

Sent up to his Excellency and Council by Mr. Marshall, Mr. Whittington, Colo. Mawole and Captam Crabb. They return and say they delivered their Message.

The Gentlemen of the Conference enter the House and deliver their Report which was here read and agreed to and sent up to the Council—

Major General Boyd, Colo. Holland and Colo. Courvoisier from the Hon^{ble} Council enter the House and delivers Mr. Speaker the Report of the Conference relating to Sir Thomas Lawrence's Complaints touching Ordinary Licenses Masters of Ships Cropping Tobacco, Gauge of Tobacco Hogheads, Divulgers of false News with the House's Message and Council's Answer to the Message heron which follows viz^t

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In Relation to the Gauge of Tobacco Hogheads first that her Majesty be addressed that the former Gauge be continued for that the Tobacco in Virginia being thick and waxy they can pack three or four hundred Pounds of Tobacco in Cask of their Size more than we can in Cask of our Size our Tobacco being thin and chaffy and that till her Majesty's Pleasure be known therein our Gauge be forty Eight Inches the length of the Cask and the Diameter of the Head ^{ing} be thirty Inches not exceeding thirty two Inches and that a Forfeiture of five hundred Pounds of Tobacco for each Cask exceeding the Gauge be imposed upon every Person or Logger make a setting up any other Cask. And that if any Master Mate or Person belonging to any Ship or Vessel shall crop, squeeze or deface any Tobacco shipped on Freight the Master forfeit and pay five hundred Pounds of Tobacco if crop squeezed or defaced and 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 lawful for such Master to put such Tobacco on Shore there to lie at the Owner's Risque—

Secondly as to that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the Divulgers of
(false News)