

for that the Tobacco in Virginia being thick and heavy they can pack three or four hundred ~~to~~ Tobacco in Lash of their Size more than we can in Lash of our Size our Tobacco being thin and Chaffoy; And that till her Majesty's Pleasure be known therein our Gauge, be forty Eight Inches in the Length of the Stave and the Diameter of the Heading be twenty nine Inches and not exceeding thirty two Inches and that a forfeiture of two hundred Pounds of Tobacco for each Lash exceeding the Gauge be imposed upon every Person or Cooper making or fitting up any such Lash. And that if any Master Mate of 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 for each Lash so shipped, straggled, squeezed, or defaced; and that in case any Hogsheads 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 Risque of the Owners thereof.

And as to that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to Divulgers of false News &c. It is unanimously agreed by the said Conferences that the Justices of the Counties have Authority to bind such Persons over to the next Court who have Power to punish them as Disturbors 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 of Order

Which being read the House concurs therewith and desire Mr. Speaker to draw up an Address to her Majesty accordingly And ordered that the Report with the following Message be sent to his Excellency and Council.

By the House of Delegates October 1st 1708
The above Report being read and debated in the House was unanimously agreed to and we humbly desire his Excellency and her Majesty's Hon^{ble} Councils, concur

Signed of Order Rich^d. Dallam & Co. Sec^y
Sent up to his Excellency and Council by Mr. Hudson and Mr. Farrington
They return and say they delivered the same
Major General Hoys and Colo^l William Holland from his Excellency and Council enter the House and deliver Mr. Speaker the Report of the Conferences Indorsed thus

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly Octo. 1st 1708
His Excellency and this Hon^{ble} Board do concur herewith and are willing that a Bill be prepared for that Purpose. Signed of Order Evan Jones & Council.

Then was read the Charter granted to the City of Annapolis. A Petition against it with the Writ of Election of the Members returned for the same City and the Mayor Aldermen and Common Council Men, and Mr. Thomas Mainomara, Mr. Thomas Downer and other Petitioners against it and the Election thereupon were called into the House the Petitioners being examined and Cause of their Complaint heard.

The House adjourned till to morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Saturday 2^d of October 1708.