An Act for the better Securing and [illegible] of the Tobacco Trade

Whereas It is not only manifested, but abundantly the experience that the Trade to the Ships of Tobacco trade within this Province

Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majestyes by and with the Advice and Consent of the Majesty's Governor Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the Same, that what person or persons whatsoever, shall make or cause, or Suffer to be made for his Use any Tobacco hogshead or hogsheads, which shall Exceed forty Eight Inches in the Length of the Staves, and Twenty Inches in the Diameter of the head, within this Country, or the Same hogshead or any other hogshead Exceeding that Length shall pack full of Tobacco, or tend or the Same to be paid or Shipt off shall for every Such hogshead of Tobacco so packt and exceeding that Length or that Diameter if any Person or persons, so shall discover and informe thereof, to any Justice or Justices of the peace in Such County or Countyes where the Same shall happen to be which Said Justice shall immediately upon Call made that any Such hogshead do Exceed the Length Strictly Searched and Ascertained, If Sure the Warr and to the Sheriff of the County or Constable of the Hundred or Such other person or persons as he shall think fit to depute, to go with Such informer and enter into any Such House or place where he shall be informed Such hogshead or hogsheads are, and there to make Seizure thereof and make the Same out a Broad Arrow to the end of the Informer or Informers. And in Case the party claiming the Same shall not within three days after Such Seizure, make it appear to Said Justice, that the same hogshead or hogsheads of Tobacco at the time of Such Seizure and in working did not Exceed the Length aforesaid. It Shall and may be Lawfull for the Said Informer and default thereof to Such Justice or Justices to make Out a Warrant to the Said Sheriffs, Constables or other person by him or them deputed to enter into Such House or place where Such hogshead or

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