

This house take into Consideration the Business recommended to their Charge by his Lordship in his Speech Yesterday, and resolved that the Same be Distinctly Considered of by every particular Member of this house so as to be reduced into Order to the end that they may have their reasons and Motives ready to Offer to the Lower house when the Same shall fall in Debate between them

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Voted in this house that an Act be drawn up for preventing the unreasonable tare of Cask and false packing of Tobacco, wherein provision to be made Viz^t

1 That all Planters be required to take care that all their Timber for Staves and heading of Tobacco Hogsheads be fallen by the last Day of April in every Year at furthest under a Certain Penalty

2 That no Cooper presume to Sett up any Tobacco hhd but with Such Timber as aforesaid, and that to be hewn into Staves and heading by the last of Iune at furthest with due regard had to the Gauge of the Cask already Provided in An Act of Assembly of this Province for that purpose under a Penalty also

3^d. That no Tobacco Hogshead when fully finished shall Exceed the weight of Eighty pounds under a certain Penalty to be Inflicted on the Planter & Cooper Equally

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4 That no Planter presume to false pack any Tobacco by putting therein any frost bitten Ground leaves or Seconds or Worse Tobacco in the Midle about or in any part of the hhd then is at the head in open view, under a Penalty of having every hh^d of Tobacco so false packt as aforesaid burnt by the Sheriff or other publick Officer and the Delinquent also to forfeit one thousand pounds of Tobacco for every such Default one half to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary the other half to the Informer or who shall Sue for the Same

A Message from the Lower house by M^r Robert Carville and M^r John Coode they bring with them the form of an Oath which they desire may be Administred by this house to the Clerk of their house whom they had brought with them to that Purpose the Oath being as foll Viz^t

The Oath of the Clerk of the Lower house.

J: T: G: do Swear that I will faithfully Serve the Lord Proprietary & the Lower house of Assembly in the Office of Clerk of the said Lower house During my Continuance in the said Office, and that I will faithfully and Truly to the best of my Skill cunning and knowledge enter and Record the Orders Rules and Proceedings of the said house, and that I will not Divulge or Discover any the Debates or proceedings of the said house without Order of the s^d house to any Person or Persons whatsoever unless to a Member of the said house.

So help me God and the Contents of this Book—