

L. H. J. 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 [stave] and Diameter of the Heading 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 Cooper 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 so cropt squeezed or defaced and in Case any Hogshead 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.

p. 170 Secondly As to that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the Divulgers of false News it is the Opinion of the Conferees it's unanimously agreed by the Conferees that the Justices of the several Counties have Authority to bind such Persons over to their next Court who have Power to punish them as Disturbers of the Peace and that they cannot find any Way to make a Law to restrain such Reports but will expose innocent Persons to the Malice of Informers

As to that Part of Sir Thomas Lawrence's Complaint touching Ordinary Licenses It is the Opinion of the Conferees that Sir Thomas Lawrence has no Right to the Fine on Ordinary Licenses and that a full Answer be drawn to his Complaint and sent to her Majesty for her better Information and that it be therein mentioned that the Fees of the Secretary's Office is vastly increased of late through the Multitude of Business therein, and that by Means of the late war the Product of this Province is become of so little Value that the Ordinary Licenses Money be continued to her Majesty a Help to defray the Charge of the several Counties of this Province as by the former Act of Assembly.

Signed p Order Thomas Jones Cl Coms'

By the House of Delegates December 3<sup>d</sup> 1708

The above Report being read and considered the House unanimously concur therewith and humbly desire your Excellency will please to consent that the several Bills therein mentioned may be brought in and revived

Signed p Order Rich<sup>d</sup> Dallam Cl. Ho. Del.