

of Staves sold or contracted for, shall be Staves of five feet and a half long, and not more than one-third of the remaining fifth of such number shall be Heading; and all these descriptions of Staves respectively, shall be of clear White Oak, straight timber, properly split, with straight edges, free from worm holes, knots, veins, rents, shakes and splinters; and the Culler shall always measure their length, breadth and thickness, at the shortest, narrowest and thinnest parts; Masts and Spars shall be three feet in length for every inch in diameter at the partners, and shall be sound, and six feet of extreme length of all Masts of twenty-two inches and under that size, and not more than four inches hollow, free from bad knots, rents and shakes; Bowsprits shall be two feet in length for every inch in diameter at the partners, adding two feet for extreme length, sound and free from defects, with two inches hollow on the inside; Hickory Handspikes shall be six feet long, and three and a half inches square at the smaller end; Ash Oars shall be three inches square on the loin, and five inches broad on the blade, the blade shall be one-third of the length of the oar, which shall be cleft straight on all sides, and free from rot, large knots, splits and shakes; Lath Wood shall be cut in lengths of four or six feet, and measured by the Cord of eight feet in length, and four feet in height.

Staves to be of oak, and of a certain quality.

Measurement to be at the smallest part.

Dimensions of Masts and Spars.

Bowsprits.

Hickory Handspikes.

Ash Oars.

Lath Wood.

XII. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases where it shall appear, that Timber, Masts, Spars, Boards,

Timber, Masts, &c. not properly squared, butted or edged, to be