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A Minute of Lrēs to y<sup>e</sup> severall Gov<sup>rs</sup> of  
his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Plantacōns in America viz<sup>t</sup>

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|   |                        | New England.  |

Whereas by a late Act of Parliament entituled an Act for encouraging & encreasing of shipping and navigation all Forreign Trade is prohibited to any of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Plantacōns and all those of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> subjects that saile unto any of them are required to give security to return with their lading for England, Ireland, Principality of Wales or Town of Berwick upon Tweed as in the said Act is expressed w<sup>th</sup> strict cōmand unto the Gover<sup>r</sup> of the said Plantacōn to see the same performed accordingly, w<sup>th</sup> great penalties upon such Gov<sup>rs</sup> as connive or neglect putting the said Act in Execution who are enjoyned alsoe to take Oath that the said Act be punctually observed, yet being informed by Masters of ships and others trading to Virginia, Mary Land and others his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Plantacōns of many neglects or rather contempts of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> commands for the true observance of the said Act (w<sup>ch</sup> soe highly concerns the encrease of shipping and the regular Trade of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Plantacōns together with his Revenue that proceeds from thence) through the daily practise and designes set on Foot by Trading into Forreign parts from Virginia Mary land and other his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Plantacōns both by land and sea as well unto the Menades and other Plantacōns of the Hollanders as into Spain Venice and Holland occasioned through the neglect of those Gov<sup>rs</sup> in not taking a view of all forreign built ships w<sup>ch</sup> come into their Plantacōns whether they have a certificate of their being made free according to the Act as alsoe in not duely taking Bond (before any ship be permitted to lade) that what ever cōmodities they shall take in at any of His Ma<sup>ts</sup> Plantacōns the same shall be carryed to some other of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Plantations or into England Ireland, Wales or Town of Berwick upon Tweed w<sup>ch</sup> Bonds are to be returned twice every year unto the Officers of the Custom House in London butt hitherto it hath not been done of w<sup>ch</sup> neglect and contempt his Ma<sup>ty</sup> is sensible and therefore doth require and cōmand you that for