

Demands, he forewarns Masters of Vessells to make any Entry with my Collector untill they have paid their Duty (as he termes it to himself nor will he permit any Master to bring their Certificates of Bond given in England to my Officer or indeed to me, notwithstanding the Acts for Navigation Trade and other Acts which do absolutely comand all Masters to present themselves to the Governor of the place where they come and that to be done within 24 Houres after their arrivall in any Government and are also by those Acts to give in to the Governor an Account of their Ship or Vessell with the number of their Seamen of what nation they are and a true and perfect invoice of their Lading And if the Governor (who by these Acts is commanded under heavy penaltys to require this from every Master of ship or Vessell) should neglect his Duty comanded by those Acts he forfeits a Thousand pounds and is rendered incapable for ever after of any office and Employment. So that My Lord I being proprietor here and may therefore be looked upon as Governor whilst I am in person here am in danger to be brought into Trouble by the unwarrantable proceedings of this insolent and Knavish Collector here who presumes dayly to Nose me and my Government with powers which he pretends to have from his Masters the Commisioners wherein he abuses them as he has greatly injured severall Masters that have traded here, and is become so insolent in his Carriage to me and my Government that I am forced to be an humble suitor to your Lo<sup>ps</sup> to move the King and Council that this Disturber of the Trade and peace of my province may be speedily removed or I must certainly expect that many Dealers and Traders to my province will leave this Government not only to my great Detriment but to the apparent Diminution of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Revenue for if Masters of Ships and Vessells are thus discouraged by the insolence and Knavery of a Collector, much Tobacco will be left in my province. and may also cause the inhabitants to mutiny when they see ships and supplys go from hence to another Government by reason of an idle officer whose dayly expression is, that he matters not what prejudice he brings to his Majestie or his Subjects here so he but advances his Fortune by it he has been so insolent as to send me Answers to this effect, when I have ordered my officers to call him to an account for his exacting fees for entering and cleering ships and vessells which are only due to my Officers and settled by the Laws of my province My Lord Besides the Knavery he dayly practices amongst the Shipping he is become the most lewd debauched swearing and most prophane Fellow in the whole Government and indeed not fit to be admitted into Civill society a Rogue in his heart and expressions towards his Majestie and is impudent to publish his hatred to Kingly