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pean goods as by the said Act and Proclamation are to be shipt in England, Wales or Berwick, Cocquetts for the same in England, Wales or Berwick be produced to the said Collector of the Customes in Maryland, or to his Deputy there for the time being before the unlading thereof: And you are likewise directed to give order that no European Goods be landed but by warrant from the said Collector or his deputy in the presence of an Officer appointed by him, and for the better prevention of frauds of this kind you are to take care that according to the said Act of Trade no ship or vessell do lade or unlade any goods or Commodities whatsoever until the Master or Commander thereof shall first make known to you or such Officer or other Person as shall be by you thereunto authorized and appointed the arrival of the said ship or vessell with her name, and the name and surname of her master, and hath shewn that she is a ship duly navigated and otherwise qualified according to law, and hath delivered you or such other Person a true & perfect Inventory of her lading together with the place or places in which the said Goods were laden and taken into the said ship or vessell under forfeiture of such ship and goods, you are likewise to cause effectuall orders to be given that all masters of ships not trading coastwise from one part of Maryland to another do enter their ships with the Collector of our Customes in the said Province or his Deputy for the time being as well as with the Naval Officer and also give in their contents upon oath to the said Collector or his deputy.

7. And Whereas we have been informed that several ships and vessells have carried great quantities of the enumerated Plantation goods from our Colonies and Plantations to Holland, Hamburg and other places without first landing the same in England (as the law in that case hath provided) to the great prejudice of our Customs and the Trade and Navigation of this kingdom For preventing the like frauds for the future you are every year or oftener as there shall be occasion to send a list of all such ships or vessells as shall lade any of the enumerated Plantation Commodities within our Province of Maryland, or import any European goods (according to the form herewith delivered unto you) to the Commissioners of our Customes in England for the time being at the Custom House London.

Mem: This Article is inserted in the Instructions for Maryland only.

8. Whereas we have been informed that a considerable number of bonds taken in our Province of Maryland from Masters of ships trading thither in pursuance of the Act of Navigation, and that counterfeit certificates of landing the Plantation Commodities in England have been produced in discharge of some of the said bonds tho' the said Commodities were carried directly to other parts than England, Wales or Berwick, as also fictitious Certificates of bonds pretended to be given in