

the building of Townes. ing of Townes the Inhabitants there abouts resideing doe sufficiently experience the Profitt & Benefit accrewing thereby as is likewise most apparent in all our neighbour Collonyes and Plantations where none have been known to thrive. The Country plentifully to be supplied with necessaryes at easy rates nor Trade advanced (which enriches the Inhabitants by ready vending the Produce of their labours) But where their first care has been for the erecting and building of Townes And therefore that soe generall and publick a good may be noe longer withheld nor detained from the Inhabitants of this Province Wee the said Deputyes Lieut^s together with the advice and consent of his Ldp's Councill doe hereby publish and declare that the Acts intituled an Act for Advancement of Trade made att a Generall Assembly Anno 1683 and an additionall and supplementary Act to the Act for Advancement of Trade made att a Generall Assembly held in Aprill 1684 relating to the raiseing of Townes be with all vigour and strictness observed in all and every Clauses thereof As well in the prohibiting all Masters, Marrinors, Merchants, Factors and other Persons from lading on board any Boat, Sloop, Shallop or other vessell whatsoever any the goods and commodityes of this Country in the said Acts named in any other Place or Places then are in the said Acts ordained and appointed for shipping Places under the severest penaltyes in the said Acts mentioned Butt alsoe strictly injoyning all manner of Persons whatsoever as well the Inhabitants of this Province as others resideing here that they presume not to vend, sell or expose any goods or merchandizes whatsoever by the said Acts intended, at any other place or places then such as are appointed in the said Acts for Townes and shipping places under the severest paines and forfeitures by the said Acts imposed And for the better and more effectuall putting into execution the said Acts Wee have with the advice and consent aforesaid Officers appointed. nominated appointed and particularly ordered meet and fitt persons living convenient to the respective Townes that they take especiall care to see the said Acts observed And to give information of any that after the Publication hereof shall refuse to comply in all things as the said Acts require, in order that they be prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the Law Hereby alsoe declaring that whosoever after the Publication hereof shall presume to report or any wayes publish or declare that the Building of Townes is not for the advancement of Trade or the good of this Province or in any other words to that effect shall be deemed as Persons ill affected to the Government and be accordingly severely punished Alsoe Wee

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