

Liber B. Townes and that the Com<sup>rs</sup> take care to provide weights and  
 F. R. O. scales as is provided in the Act of Assembly for Townes that  
 all Masters of ships or other vessell shall shew their Certificate  
 p. 119 for all Tobaccoes by them taken on board from the Town  
 where it was loaded to the officer of any Town where they  
 come by or near (if he desire it) for his satisfaction the which  
 Proclamation issued as followes viz:

Maryland ss./ By the Deputyes Lieut<sup>s</sup>  
 A Proclamation

Procl: about Townes. Whereas by an Act of Assembly made at a Generall  
 Assembly held at the City of S<sup>t</sup> Maryes the 27<sup>th</sup> day  
 of 8ber 1686. Intituled A farther Additionall Act to the Act  
 for Advancement of Trade and to the supplementary Act to  
 the same (the which hath not only been confirmed and highly  
 approved of by his Lord<sup>p</sup> the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary  
 of this Province, but by him comanded that the same be strictly  
 observed) and forasmuch as wee are certainly informed that  
 divers Masters of shippes and other vessells doe contemn and  
 neglect to obey the said Act in the particular clause relateing  
 to the entry of their Tobaccoes with the Officers for Townes  
 for whereas it is in the Act aforementioned enacted that all  
 Tobaccoes or other goods of the growth of this Province shall  
 be brought to some Town allowed of for shipping and be there  
 entred with the Officer for that purpose appointed of whom  
 Certificate for the same is to be taken divers masters of ships  
 have and doe refuse to make entry with the said Officers as  
 the Law requires and alsoe to produce their Cert: to the said  
 Officers if they have taken Tobacco at any other Port or Town  
 from the Officer of such Town by which meanes many Frauds  
 are dayly comitted in the execution of the said Act Wee the  
 said Deputyes Lieut<sup>s</sup> with the advice of his Lo<sup>ps</sup> Councill  
 haveing taken the Premises into considerations doe hereby  
 strictly comānd require and injoyne all Masters of shippes and  
 other vessells trading into this Province and all other persons  
 whatsoever resideing within the same, that not only that noe  
 Tobaccoe nor other goods of the growth of this Province be  
 presumed to be laden on board any ship or vessell untill the  
 same has been as by the law is required duely entred at some  
 town appointed for shipping but that all Masters of shippes and  
 other vessells and all other persons whatsoever concerned  
 haveing Tobaccoe on board at any Port doe make Entry with  
 the Officer for that Port or produce to such Officer a Certificate  
 under the hand of the officer from whence he takes the said  
 Tobaccoe that he has duely made Entry thereof according to  
 p. 120 Law otherwise and upon refusall whereof such Master shall be