

Lib. L. L. 2. Nicholson Esq^r and Absence of the said Lyonel Copley Esq^r neither doth the Proclamation afores^d of the said S^r Edmund Andross Agree with the said Comission in reciteing that his Access to the Government was by the Death or Absence of the s^d Francis Nicholson Esq^r which in the said Comission is Expressly Confined to the Death of the said Francis Nicholson and not Absence neither did the said S^r Edmund Andros take such Oath for observing of a Certain Act of Parliament made in the Twelfth year of King Charles the seconds reigne

p. 65 of blessed memory Intituled an Act for the Incouraging and encreasing of Shipping and Navigation before his Entrance into the Government afores^d as by the said Statute is Comanded enjoyned and required of all Governors and Comanders in Chiefe of any their Māties Lands, Islands Plantations, and Territorys nor Administer or Direct the same to be Administred to Colonell Nicholas Greenbury by him left as President nor S^r Thomas Lawrence att his next Comeing and because also that by the Access of the said S^r Edmund Andros to the s^d Government by his Authority Diverse Acts and Actions Judiciall & Civill have been done Executed and performed in Courts of Records & otherwise in this Province which for the reasons afores^d appear precautious and Doubtfull in tender Contemplation whereof and for the ease and quiett Peace and Settlement of your Māties most Loyall and Dutifull Subjects of this your Māties Province They humbly pray and beseech your Royall Māties That it may be Enacted And be it enacted by your Sacred Māties by and with the advice and Consent of this p^rsent Generall Assembly and by the Authority of the same That all maⁿer of Actions Suites Causes and all proceedings in all & every their Māties Courts within this Province either by holding setting Adjourning Continueing or other Proceeding to hearing and Determining any Suite, Action Motion Petition or other Matter whatsoever shall be had taken accepted & reputed as Valid in Law or Equity and of Absolute force Efficacy & strength in Law to

p. 66 all Intents purposes and Constructions as any other Judiciall proceedings by any other of their Māties more ample Comissions for the due Government of this Province heretofore Granted and all and every Officer and Minister Civill or Military in this their Māties Province shall and are hereby Confirmed Established and ratified for in or by reason of any Legall Acting & proceeding in their Severall and respective Offices places and Stations from the time of the Access of the said S^r Edmund Andros Kn^t to his Excellencys the present Governor Francis Nicholson Esq^r his Arrivall and takeing the Government upon him any Clause Imperfection or want of Authority in or to the said S^r Edmund Andros or the Comis-