

At the Court at Whitehall the 9th of August 1694.

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Present

The Queens most Excell^t Maj^{ty} in Council.

The Queens
Ord^r about
Vessells to
Cruise upon
the Coasts
of Maryland
and Pensil-
vana &ca

The R^t Hono^{ble} the Lords of the Co^mitte of Trade & Plantac^ons having this day represented their opinion at the Board upon the Report of the R^t Hono^{ble} the Lords Comiss^{rs} of the Treasury concerning Ships trading directly from Scotland and Ireland to Virginia, Maryland & Pensilvania referr'd to them by Ord^r in Council of the 12th of July last, her Maj^{ty} in Council is pleased to Ord^r that directions be sent to Collon^{ll} Nicholson Govern^r in chief of Maryland to cause one or more small Vessells of about 40 Tunns each to be hiered wth Skillfull Co^manders in those parts for whome he will be answerable, and to appoint them to Cruise upon the Coasts of Maryland and Pensilvania wth power to examine all Ships trading to and from those parts, and to inspect the clearings of the said Ships in the Collectors Booke in order to the discovery of forged Cocquets and Certificates and that for the defraying the charges of such Vessells and the Encouragement of the Co^manders he dispose of their Maj^{tes} third part of the forfeitures upon the Acts of Trade and Navigation and the penaltyes recovered on forfeited Bonds within his Government in such manner as he shall find most conducing to their Maj^{tes} service herein.

And that the like directions be sent to S^r Edmund Andros Govern^r in chief of Virginia for preventing the said abuses of the Acts of trade and Navigac^on within that Colony and the R^{tt} Hono^{ble} the Lords Co^miss^{rs} of their Maj^{tes} Treasury are to give all Necessary directions herein.

Instructions to Cap^t Thomas Meech Co^mander of the Sloop Speedwell of Maryland Employed by Collon^{ll} ffran^s Nicholson Govern^r of Maryland for preventing frauds on that Coast in pursuance of their Maj^{tes} Ord^r in Council of the ninth of August 1694.

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Navigac^on
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Act for
regulating
Plantation
trade 22:
23^d: Car
2nd These
Certificates
to be signed
by 4 or
more of the
Co^miss^{rs} of
the Customs
in England
for the time
being

You shall take care that no goods or commodities w^tsoever be Imported into or exported out of the said Colony of Maryland or any other of their Majesties Colonyes or Plantations in any Ships or vessells w^tsoever, but in such as doe truly & wthout fraud belong only to the people of England Ireland Wales or Berwick or are of the built of and belong- ing to any of the said Plantations as the Propriet^{rs} & right owners thereof, and whereof the Master & $\frac{3}{4}$ ^{ths} of the Marriners at least are English under the penalty of the forfeiture and loss of Shipp and Goods to be recovered & disposed off in manner as by law