

Lib. H. D. the Own<sup>rs</sup> & Comānders of such Ships trading here as afd for prevention whereof for the future I have (by & with the advice of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> hono<sup>ble</sup> Council) thought ffit to publish and make known & I do hereby accordingly Order & Comānd that no Merchant ffreight<sup>r</sup> Planter or other person whatsoever with in this Province doe hence forth presume to make or Cause to be made any hhd or hhd<sup>s</sup> of tobacco (in Order to being Shipped & put on board) exceeding the Gage & size by the aforementioned Act of Assembly Directed under pain & penalty of being proceeded against according to the Utmost Rigour of the Law, And to the End all diligent and due Care may be taken for the discovery of all such Illegall proceedings I do hereby further Order and Comānd his Ma<sup>ty</sup> respective Collectors their Deputies and the severall Navall Officers & their Deputies within this Province to give Notice to all Masters of Ships at their first coming in & entry made that they Circumspectly and w<sup>th</sup>out ffaile measure or Cause to be Measured every hhd of tobacco Shipped & taken on board their Respective Vessells to the true performance whereof the master, Mate, Boatswine, or other Officer or person intrusted to take an Acco<sup>t</sup> of any hhd or hhd<sup>s</sup> of tobacco put on board his or their Ship or Ships vessell or Vessells shall upon the Clearing of such Ship or Ships Vessell or Vessells make Oath before the said Collector or Deputys & Navall Officers or their Deputies afd w<sup>th</sup> whom they Entred, that every the said hhd or hhd<sup>s</sup> of Tobacco by them so taken an Acco<sup>t</sup> of were realy & bona fide measured and found to be in size according to the Directions of the said Act hereby Strictly Enjoyning the Collecto<sup>rs</sup> their Dep<sup>ties</sup> & Navall Officers & their Dep<sup>ties</sup> as afd to Examine into and tender such an Oath as also that at the same time such Mast<sup>r</sup> Mate, Boat Swain or other Officer or person soe as afd intrusted give likewise an Acco<sup>t</sup> Vpon Oath of the Number of hhd<sup>s</sup> by them taken an Acco<sup>t</sup> off & that the Master in particular Swear that he neither will nor does designe by himself or any other procurem<sup>t</sup> to take in any more tobacco that present Voyage either before or after Clearing other than what he has given an Acco<sup>t</sup> off vpon Oath as afd. But if he should take more tobacco in that then they will give

p. 197 further Acco<sup>ts</sup> of the same upon Oath likewise, And Forasmuch Most Masters and Comānders of Ships doe seem to plead Ignorance to such Laws of this Province as doe any wayes narrowly touch or Concern them I doe further Order that the said Respective Collectors their Deputies and the Navall Officers & their Deputies afd doe forthw<sup>th</sup> gett & procure Coppies of all such Acts of Assembly any wise relating to or Concerning Mast<sup>rs</sup> of Ships or Trade &<sup>ca</sup> as are now in force & the same keep in their Respective Offices for the