

Lib. H. D. of the s^d Islands shall be in the hands of the native born Subjects of England or Ireland or of the s^d Islands and that no person be permitted to Serve as Jurymen upon any Information brought but what are as afore Expressed; Ordered that publick inquiry be made whether there be any places of Trust in the Courts of Law or of the Treasury held within this Province by any persons other than what are Native born Subjects of England, Ireland or of the s^d Islands as is afore expressed, and that a Return thereof be made accordingly.

By his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r & Councill &^{ca}

Dec^r the 14th 1696.

Ordr abt the late Act of Parliam^t &^{ca} Whereas by a late Act of Parliam^t (intituled an Act for preventing ffrauds and Regulating abuses in the plantacōn Trade) it is directed that all Navall Officers in the plantacōns shall within two Months after having Notice thereof or as soon as it conveniently may be, give security for their true and ffaithfull performance of their Duty and any that shall hereafter be Appointed are likewise Obliged within two Months or as soon as it conveniently may be, to give the like security as afores^d to be approved on by his Ma^{ts} Commission^{rs} in England and to them given or to such as by them shall be Appointed for his Ma^{ts} Vse; Ordered thereupon that the respective Nav^l Officers within this Province doe give Security pursuant to the directions of the s^d Act of Parliam^t And that upon the least Suspicion of Counterfiet Certificates for discharge of any Navigacōn Bonds they Cancell not the Bonds till it be further Certifyed from the Com^{rs} of his Ma^{ts} Customs that the matter of the s^d Certificates are true &^{ca}.

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Ordr abt Sending to the Com^{rs} for Books Ordered that the hon^{rble} the Comm^{rs} of his Ma^{ts} Customs be sent to; desireing that they would please to Send in two dozen of the Books of Rates and two dozen of the late Acts of Parliam^t touching the plantacōn Trade for the Vse of the Severall Counties of the Province.

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His Exncys proposall abt the Ships &^{ca} & Ordr thereon Vpon a proposall made by his Ex^{ncy} to Cap^t Josiah Daniell Command^r of his Ma^{ts} hired Ship the Prince of Orange, in p^rsence of the hon^{rble} his Ma^{ts} Councill & Justices of the prov^l Court, which way he thought best for his Ma^{ts} Service that the Ships now in this Province might be Obliged to Joyne the Commodore in Virginia and whether it might not be best that they meet together