

should be cleared to go, without giving Sufficient security to go with the same to Newfoundland (for Supply of his Maj^{ties} Land and Sea forces there under the Comānd of the R^{tt} Hono^{ble} Coll John Gibson) or to the R^{tt} Hono^{ble} Will^m Stoughton Esq^r Lieuten^t Govern^r and Comand^r in Chiefe of his Majes^{ties} Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England in Order to be sent thither &^{ca} And forasmuch as it hath been represented unto me in Council from the Honord his Maj^{ties} Justices and the Grand Inquest for the body of this Province, how th^t the s^d Ord^r proves very detrimentall to the Island Trade managed here, and for that (in the Neighbouring Colony of Virginia) there is no such prohibition, have for the same & other reasons requested that the s^d Ord^r may be disannulled and sett aside. I do, by advice of his Maj^{ties} hono^{ble} Council and upon the representation & request afores^d made as also upon the Satisfaction of severall advices lately rec^d from New England how that that Province has (God be thanked) had a Plentifull harvest this year, and th^t Newfoundland has rec^d supplies of Provisiion from New Yorke & those parts) think fitt to disannull & sett a side the s^d Order so farr as the same restraines the clearing such Shippes and Vessells, and the same is hereby disannulled and sett a side accordingly. But for the Encouragement of all Masters and Owners of such Shippes & Vessells belonging to this Province or any other of his Majesties Governments as will undertake to purchase & load with Provisions here, giving security to go with the same to the end & purpose afores^d I do (for his Maj^{ties} service) hereby promise to pay all duties and Impositions payable upon Exportation of Beefe & Porke and give them my own dues and will also pay what fees are due to the Collectors & Navall Officers for entiring & clearing thereof who are hereby Ordered not to take any of those Impositions or fees but send the accounts of the same unto me, as by the s^d former Order was directed. Lastly I do hereby Command the severall Sherriffs of the Province to publish this in all Churches Chappells & other publick places of meeting within their respective Counties and to give the Collectors and Navall Officers (where resident in their Balywick) immediate & speedy notice of the same; Given at the Town & Port of Annapolis under the Broad Seal of the Province this 22nd day of October in the ninth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord William the third &^{ca} Annoq Dom̄ 1697

ffr: Nicholson

God save the King.

On the back of the said Proclamation was writt as follows
Viz^t This is to signify that it is agreed & Order'd th^t the Pro-