

Lib. H. D. which Oath you & the Officers of the Customs respectively are authorised to Adminster in manner thereby directed, and being attested by you and them so adminstring the same & registred in due form according to the specimen hereunto annexed. You shall not faile immediately to transmitt a duplicate thereof to the Commiss^{rs} of the Customs in London in order to be entred in a Generall Register to be there kept for that purpose with penalty upon every Ship or Vessell trading to from or in any of the said Plantations in America after the said 25th day of March and not having made proove of her built & property as thereby directed That she shall be liable to such prossecution & forfeiture as any forreigne Ship (Except Prizes condemned in his Maj^{ties} high Court of Admiralty) would for trading with the Plantations by the said law be liable unto, with this proviso That all such Ships as have been or shall be taken at Sea by Letters of Mart or Reprisall & Condemnation thereof made in the High Court of Admiralty of England as Lawfull prize shall be specially Registred mentioning the Capture and Condemnation instead of the time & place of building with proove also upon Oath That the entire property is English before any such prize be allowed the Priviledge of an English built Ship according to the meaning of the said Act. And that no Ships name Registred be afterwards changed wth out Registring such Ship de Novo w^{ch} by the said Act is required to be done upon any Transfer of property to another Port & delivering up the former Certificate to be Cancelled under the same penalties & in the like Method. And in case any alteration of Property in the same Port by the Sale of one or more shares in any Ship after Registring thereof such sale shall allwayes be acknowledged by endorsement on the Certificate of Register before two witnesses in order to prove that the intire property in Such Ship remains to some of the Subjects of England if any dispute shall arise concerning the same.

Eighteenthly. And whereas notwithstanding the many good laws made from time to time for preventing of frauds in the Plantation trade w^{ch} have been enumerated in these & former instructions, It is manifest that verry great abuses have been and continue still to be practised to the prejudice of the same, which abuses must needs arise either from the insolvency of the persons who are accepted for security or from the remissness or connivance of such as have been or are Governours in the severall Plantations who ought to take care that those persons who give Bond should be duly prossecuted in case of nonperformance.

You are to take notice that his Majestie takes the good of the Plantations and the Improvement of the Trade thereof by a strict and punctuall observance of the severall Laws in force