

or Plantations in Asia, Africa or America, or shall be laden in or carried from any one Port or Place in the said Colonies or Plantations to any other Port or Place in the same or to Our Kingdom of Great Britain in any Ship or Bottom, but what is or shall be of the Build of Great Britain, or Ireland, or of the said Colonies, or Plantations, and wholly Owned by the People thereof, or any of them and Navigated with the Master and three fourths of the Mariners of the said Places only, except such Ships only as shall be taken Prize and Condemnation thereof in One of the Courts of Admiralty in Great Britain Ireland or the said Plantations, to be Navigated by the Master and three fourths of the Mariners British or of the said Plantations as aforesaid and whereof the Property doth belong to British Subjects, on Pain of Forfeiture of Ships and Goods, And Whereas by another Clause in the said Act for the more effectual Prevention of Frauds which may be Used by colouring Foreign Ships under British Names, it is further Enacted that no Ship or Vessel whatsoever shall be deemed or Pass as a Ship of the Build of Great Britain, Ireland, Guernsey Jersey or any of Our Plantations in America so as to be Qualified to Trade to from or in any of the said Plantations until the Person or Persons claiming Property in such Ship or Vessel shall Register the same in manner thereby appointed. You and he the said Robert Eden shall take care, and give in Charge that these Matters and Things be duly observed within Our said Province of Maryland according to the True Intent and meaning of the said Acts, and the Offences and Offenders prosecuted according to the directions thereof, and where it is required, that the Master and three fourths of the Mariners be British, You and he the said Robert Eden, are to Understand, that the true Intent and Meaning thereof is that they shall be such during the whole Voyage, unless in Case of Sickness, Death or being taken Prisoners in the Voyage to be proved by the Oath of the Master or other Chief Officer of the Ship, and none but Our Subjects of Great Britain Ireland or the Plantations are to be accounted British.

5<sup>th</sup> Whereas by the said Act of Navigation as the same stands amended and altered by the aforesaid Act for Regulating the Plantation Trade it is enacted that for every Ship or Vessel that shall set Sail out of, or from Great Britain for any British Plantation in America Asia or Africa sufficient Bond shall be given with one Surety to the Chief Officer of the Customs of such Port or Place from whence the said Ship shall set sail, to the Value of One Thousand Pounds, if the Ship be of less Burthen than One hundred Tons, and of the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds if the Ship shall be of greater

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