

Prince or State from any European Port, and such Ship shall happen to be driven in by necessity and be in real distress, the same may be supplied with what is absolutely necessary for her Relief; but he shall not take, have or receive nor permit or suffer any Person to take have or receive, any Negroes or other the said East India Commodities in Payment or Satisfaction for such Relief. That if any Officer of Our Customs or other Officer employed by him or by the Commander in Chief for the time being, in visiting searching or seizing such Ships Goods Merchandize, or Negroes, be corrupt, negligent or remiss in the discharge of his Duty therein We do hereby require him to Suspend him from the Execution of his said Office, and that he do by the first Opportunity send an Account of such Officer's behaviour to Us, by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, that care may be taken, that such Officer be removed from his employment, and further Punished according to his demerit. And Our further Will and Pleasure is, that he, the said Robert Eden, do constantly from time to time, and by the first Opportunity that shall offer send to us by One of Our Principal Secretaries of State, true full and exact Accounts of his Proceedings, and of all other Transactions and occurrences in or about the Premises or any of them.

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30. And Whereas, notwithstanding the many Good Laws made from time to time for preventing of frauds in the Plantation Trade, it is manifest that very great abuses have been and still continues to be practiced to the prejudice of the same, which abuses must needs arise either from the insolvency of Persons who are accepted for Security, or from the remissness or connivance of such as have been or are Governors in the several Plantations who ought to take care that those Persons, who give Bond should be duly prosecuted in case of Non performance; You are to take Notice, that We take the good of Our Plantations and the Improvement of the Trade thereof by a Strict and punctual observance of the several Laws in force concerning the same to be of so great Importance to the benefit of this Kingdom and to the advancing the Duty of Our Customs here, that if we shall hereafter be informed, that at any time there shall be any failure in the due observance of those Laws and of these present Instructions, given you for the better guidance of the aforesaid Robert Eden, by any wilful fault or Neglect on your or his part, We shall esteem such neglect to be a breach of the aforesaid Laws, tending to the forfeiture of the Letters Patent granted by

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