

Goods &c, for if yo^w seeke to ensnare Jacob Backer and the Mast^r Liber B B
 the same Act will be in force for suffering him to make his Entry,
 to unload & load but I presse this as the weakest of all Arguments
 supposing I haue explained his Ma^{ties} Instrucōns and their Agreem^t
 wth Acts of Parliament. I had almost forgott to answer the Ob-
 jecōns which may arise from the Act for Encouragem^t of Trade,
 partly because I suppose enough is said to Argue that this place hath
 been allwayes Concluded in his Ma^{ties} Dominions, and now in his
 Majesties subjecōns and und^r Oath to his Ma^{tie} and partly because
 I onely finde in the thirde Paragraue of that Act, one seeming doubt
 or Objecōn where t^{is} said noe Comodity of the growth producōn
 or manufacture of Europe, shall be imported into any land, Island
 Plantaōn &c but shall be bona fide and wthout fraud, Laden and
 shipped in England Wales or the towne of Berwick upon Tweed, and
 in English built shipping, all which Parragraue onely relates to shipes
 from Europe and cannot be applyed to interdicting shipes of this
 place without denying liberty of trade in Maryland equally to the
 English of Boston or the Barbadoes, in the Close of which Para-
 graue where the Confiscaōn is diuided by thirds saying, the other
 thirde part to him or them who shall seize informe or sue for the
 same in any of his Ma^{ties} Courts, in such of the said lands Plantaōns
 &c. Giue me leaue to make an Objection not onely out of the Order
 of yo^r Court, but out of the whole Body of yo^r lawes, wherein his
 Ma^{tie} is not soe much as named, and truely herein I finde uariety of
 scruples, whereof I shall at p^rsent say noe more.

In the fourth Parragraue of the said Act for the better p^ruenōn
 of fraud &c, euery p^rson or p^rsons Importing &c into any &c Planta-
 cōns, shall deliuer to the Gouverno^r &c or to such p^rson or Officer &c [p. 477]
 his or their Names and Surnames &c and no ship or Vessell coming
 to any such &c shall lade or unlade any &c untill the Mast^r &c shall first
 haue made knowne to &c the arriual &c and haue shewne &c or made
 good by producing a Certifficate &c and nauigated and haue deliuered
 to such &c together wth the place &c und^r the Paine of &c all which
 relates still to shipes from Europe trading to any of his Ma^{ties} Plan-
 taōns, And yet Jacob Backer hath (as appeares by his Certifficate
 Vnd^r yo^r Officers hand) made the Entry of his Vessell and Goods,
 unloaded and loaded them, hath shewen his Certifficate, that he is a
 subject of the King, in this his Ma^{ties} Plantaōn, and that all his
 Marriners are Inhabitants of this place, and are to enjoy th^e benefitt
 of the Articles, I doe uerily perswade my selfe, that after this full
 informaōn, yo^w will finde Cause to release the said Vessell & Goods
 and that yo^w will excuse my plainness and unskilfullnes in these
 matters hauing no other designe but of a right understanding be-
 tween Vs, and to make manifest my first posicon, That his Ma^{tie}
 by receiuing the dutch (as his unquestionable Territorys) into his
 Protection as his subjects, and auncient Dominion, hath had a ten-