

Provisions by Way of the neutral Ports, and not to prevent his good Subjects from transporting their Commodities from any one of his Islands Plantations, or Colonies, to any other thereof to the best Advantage

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That the said Act obliging the Exporter of any the Commodities therein mentioned, before the shipping, or laying on Board the same to take out Cockets expressing the Particulars thereof to declare the Port or Place for which the said Commodities are designed, and to become bound with two Sureties of known Residence in the respective Colony or Plantation, and of known Ability to answer the Penalty mentioned in such Bond, in treble the Value of such Commodities that they shall not be landed or sold in any Parts whatsoever, other than the Kingdom, Island Plantation, Colony, Port, or Place respectively, for which the same shall be so declared, and to return a Certificate according to the Directions of the said Act that such Commodities have been so landed deprives him of the Advantage of altering his Voyage from Advices he may receive while he is laying such Commodities on Board, which in our Way of Trade is generally some Months be the Gain by such Alteration or the Loss by such Restriction ever so apparent nor can he change his Market unless he first lands his Commodities at the Port or Place, so declared, procures a Certificate thereof, enters into new Bond with proper Sureties as aforesaid the Difficulties in doing which must occasion such Delay and Expence as must probably frustrate the End proposed: By these Means every Merchant or Adventurer Inhabitant here is greatly discouraged from exporting our Grain and Provisions, and every Stranger deterred from coming to trade among us, in order to export them

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That by this general Discouragement to Trade his Majesty's Islands we are informed have at Times suffered greatly through Want of Grain and Provisions, and tho' some few Individuals among the Adventurers in Trade may have been benefitted, yet his Majesty's Subjects in general both in those Islands, and the Plantations on the Continent have been and must continue to be greatly grieved and distressed

That the great Quantities of Grain and Provisions now perishing on Hand must be entirely lost and Multitudes of People rendered unable to pay the Taxes necessary for affording an adequate Assistance towards his Majesty's Service unless their Traders are relieved from the above Restrictions, and Hardships, and have also Liberty to export those Commodities to Madeira, Cadiz, and Lisbon, which we humbly apprehend will not contribute to, or be any way instrumental in supplying his Majesty's Enemies with Provisions but will be of great and mutual Advantage to his Subjects, and good, and faithful Allies