

RULES OF OFFICE.

As additional to the foregoing illustration of the duties of a deputy commissary, I have under this head collected all such instructions, and rules of office, as were occasionally made by the several commissaries general, as well, for the further observance of such deputy commissaries, as for preventing errors, and amending defects in their proceedings.

First—They are strictly to comply with the laws, in making their returns to the prerogative office, punctually every two months, that is, from court to court, held by the commissary general on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September, and November: two thousand pounds of tobacco being forfeited, by act of assembly, for every failure thereof; a particular list of every paper so returned, must be thereto annexed, to be lodged in the office, for better security.

They are to keep regular, and distinct entries, of all the administrations granted, wills,

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