Honble the Lord Propry, the ffe Governor of the Province of Maryland as for the mselves in the
behalfe prosecuting, and as well for the said Lord the King, and the said Lord Propry as for
the mselves exhibited to the Court here their Certaine Information, against Nathaniel David
Master or Comander of the good Ship called the Osprey of Londonderry the by giving
the Court here to understand and be informed that whereas in the Statute made in the
fifteenth year of our Soveraigne Lord the King of England &c in the fifteenth year
of his raigne at Westminster in the County of Middlesex in the Kingdome of England
amongst other things in the said Statute contained it was enacted by authority of
the said Parliament that from and after the Twenty fifth day of March Anno Dni
1664: No Comodity of the growth Production of Manufacture of Europe should be
imported into any land Island Plantacon Collony Territory or place to his said
Majesty belonging or which should thereafter belong unto or be in the possession of
his Majesty his Heires and Successors in Asia, Affrica, or America, Ireland excepted
but what should be bona fide and without fraud landed, and shipped in England
Wales or the Towne of Barwick upon Tweed, and in English built Shipping or
wch were bona fide bought before the first day of October 1662: and had such
Certificate thereof as was directed in one Act intitulled an Act for preventing of
ffraudes and regulating abuses in his Majestys Customes, and whereof the Master and
three fourths of the Mariners at least were English, and which should be carryed directly
thence to the said lands Islands, Plantacons, Collonys, Territorys and places, and from
no other place whatsoever any law Statute or Usage to the Contrary notwithstanding
under the penalty of the loss of all such Comoditys of the growth production or
Manufacture of Europe as should be imported into any of them from any other
place whatsoever by land or by water, and if by water of the Ships or Vessell in
which they were imported with all her Guns, Tackle, furniture, ammuncon and
apparell One third part to his said Majesty his Heires and Successors, One third part to
the Governor of such land Island Plantacon, Collony Territory or place into which
such goods were imported if the said Ship Vessell or goods be there seized, Informed
against and sued for or otherwise that third part also to his Majesty his Heires
and Successors and the other third part to them or them who should seize, Informe or
sue for the same in any of his Majestys Courts in such the said lands Islands, Collonys,
Plantacons Territorys or places where the offence was committed or in any Court of
Record in England by bill information plaint or other Action wherein no Essoyne
Protecton or wager of law should be allowed as in the same Statute among other things
is more fully contained, which said Statute is yett in full force and unrepealed Neverthless
the said Nathaniel David Master or Comander of the said Ship or Vessell called the Osprey
of Londonderry with knowing the Statute aforesaid to be in full force and unrepealed but the
same Statute not weying nor the paines penalties and forfeitures in the same contained any
wayes regarding after the said Twenty fifth day of March One thousand six hundred sixty
foure in the said Statute mentioned that is to say the last day of ffebruary in the yeare
of our One thousand six hundred eighty foure then riding at Anchor in the river of
Monokin within the County of Somerset in the Province of Maryland within the
Jurisdiction of this Court there and then did import and bring into the said Province
of Maryland in the said Ship or Vessell called the Osprey of Londonderry divers and
sundry goods and Merchandize of the growth production and manufacture of
Europe wch were not really and bona fide shipped laden or taken in in England or
Wales or the Towne or Barwick upon Tweed but were by One Robert Black
Merchant shipped and laden by the said Nathaniel David taken on Board the
said Ship or Vessell in the Kingdome of Ireland, that is to say a parcell of Shoes a

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