

Right hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary vnder the great Seal of the Province assigned and autho-
rized att the speciall instance request and supplication of Richard Windall Marynor late Commander
of the ship Leveypool Merchant certain information against him the said Richard Windall the
honor of which Information followeth in these words
To the Justices of the said Court

Maryland¹¹ Be it Remembred that the Eighteenth day of March one Thousand six hundred Seventy seven
came here into Court Christopher Rowby Collector who as well for the Lord the King and the
Governour of Maryland as for himselfe in this behalf followeth in his proper person And as well for
the said Lord the King the said Governour as for himselfe giveth the Court here to understand and be
informed that whereas in the Statute made in the Parliament of our said Sovereign Lord the King of
England &c in the fiftenth year of his reign att Westminster in the County of Middlesex in the same Kingdom
of England amongst other things it was enacted by Authority of the said Parliament that from and after
the Twentieth day of March one Thousand six hundred Sixty four no Commodity of the growth Production
or manufacture of Europe should be imported into any Land Island Plantation Colony Territory or place to his
said Ma^{ty} Belonging or which should thereafter belong unto or be in the possession of his Ma^{ty} his heirs
and Successors in Asia Africa or America (Tanger only excepted) but what shall be bona fide and without
fraud laden & shipped in England Water or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed and in English built shipping
or which were bona fide bought before the first day of October one Thousand six hundred Sixty Two
and had such Certificate thereof as was directed in one Act Entituled an Act preventing of frauds and
Regulating abuses in his Ma^{ty} Customs & whereof the master and three fourths of the Mariner at least were
English And which should be carryed directly thence to the said Land Island Plantation Colony
Territory or place and from no other place or places whatsoever any Law Statute or Usage to the
Contrary notwithstanding vnder the penalty of the loss of all such Commodity of the growth Production
or manufacture of Europe as should be imported into any of them from any other place whatsoever by land
or water and if by water of the Ship or vessel in which they were imported with all her Gunns tackle
furniture Ammunition and apparell one Third part to his said Ma^{ty} his heirs and Successors one
Third part to the Governour of such Land Island Plantation Colony Territory or place into which
such goods were imported if the said ship vessel or goods be there seized and informed against and
held for or otherwise that Third part also to his Ma^{ty} his heirs and Successors and the other third
part to him or them who should seize inform and sue for the same in any of his Ma^{ty} Courts in such the
said Land Island Colony Plantation Territory or place where the offence was committed or in any
Court of Record in England by Bill information plaint or other Action wherein no Foynd protection or
wager of Law should be allowed And further that whereas in the same Statute made att the same time and
place aforesaid it was enacted for the better Brevention of frauds that from and after the said Twentieth
day of March one Thousand six hundred Sixty four every person importing by land any good or
Commodity whatsoever into any the said Land Island Plantation Colony Territory or place should
deliver to the Governour of such Land Island Plantation Colony Territory or place or to such person or officer
as should be by him thereunto authorized and appointed within four & Twenty hours after such importation
his and their names & surnames and a true inventory or particular of all such good or Commodity And no
ship or vessel coming to any such Land Island Plantation Colony Territory or place should land or unlade
any good or Commodity whatsoever until the master or Commander of such ship or vessel should first have
made known to the Governour of such Land Island Plantation Colony Territory or place or to such person or
officer as should be by him thereunto authorized & appointed the Arrivall of the said ship or vessel with her name
and the name and surname of her master or Commander and had shewn to him that she was an English built
ship or made good by producing such Certificate as aforesaid that she was a ship or vessel bona fide belonging
to England Water or the Town of Berwick & Navigated with an English master and three fourths of the
Mariners at least English men And had delivered to such Governour or other person or officer a true and
perfect Inventory or Invoice of her loading together with the Land or place in which the said goods were
laden or taken into the said ship or vessel vnder the paynd of the loss of the ship or vessel with all her Gunns
ammunition tackle furniture & apparell And of all such goods of the growth Production or manufacture of
Europe as were not bona fide laden and taken in in England Water or the Town of Berwick