

To all Christian People to whom this
 present writing shall come Sir John Werden Bart. John Bridges
 Robt. Williamson and Edward Gibbon Esqrs four of His Commission
 appointed for the Management of her Majesty's Customs and Duties
 Whereas Thomas Coute late of London Merchant stand indebted
 to her Majesty in the sum of twenty thousand pounds and upward
 for Duties and Customs payable for Tobacco Imported by him into
 Great Brittain for securing whereof her Majesty's writt of Exchequer
 hath issued out of her Court of Exchequer at Westminster as of the
 said Thomas Coute for seizing into her Majesty's hands all his
 Effects of and Debt owing to the said Thomas Coute to be applied
 towards satisfying and discharging the said Debt whereby all
 the Estate and Effects of and Debt owing to the said Thomas
 Coute are become charged and liable to satisfy the said Debt and
 ought to be seized delivered and applyed in her Majesty's use for
 satisfying her said Debt whereas the said Estate Effects and Debt
 are And whereas we are informed that great part of the
 Effects and Estate of the said Thomas Coute are in the hands of
 George Bratton and John Bayler of Virginia in parts beyond
 the Seas Merch^t William Front of Pennsylvania in parts beyond
 the Seas Merch^t John French of New Castle in Pennsylvania in
 parts beyond the Seas Merch^t William Watts deceased and Patrick
 Andrews of Patuxen in parts beyond the Seas Merch^t Barnard
 Townsend now or late master of a Ship called the Welcome
 supply and severall other persons in Virginia Maryland
 other parts beyond the Seas and great Sums of money are in
 those places or some of them owing by severall persons to the said
 Thomas Coute And whereas by an Inquisition taken
 before Sir Francis Forbes Bart and Sir Joshua Sharp Justice
 of the County of Midd^x the thirtieth day of January in the
 twelfth year of her Majesty's reign by Vertue of an Exchequer
 the Seal of her Majesty's Court of Exchequer at Westminster
 directed unto the said Justice against the said Thomas Coute of
 London Merch^t grounded upon severall Bonds wherein he
 stand bound unto her present Majesty Anne Queen of Great
 Brittain for the duties and Customs of goods by him entered