

shall not be so stamped and certified as aforesaid, to be made in his majesty's colonies in America, shall be subject to the payment of the same subsidies, customs, impositions, rates and duties, to which such Iron was liable before the making of the act.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That if any governor, lieutenant-governor, collector and comptroller of the customs as aforesaid, shall wilfully make any such certificate, every person to offending shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of two hundred pounds, and also forfeit and lose his office, and be incapable of serving his majesty, his heirs and successors, in any office of trust or profit; or if any merchant, factor, trader and master, or commanding officer of any ship or vessel, shall wilfully make any Cash required by this act, every such offender shall incur the punishment inflicted by the laws of this realm for willful and corrupt perjury; and every person shall knowingly counterfeit any such stamp, or shall counterfeit any such certificate, or publish the same knowing it to be counterfeit, every such person to offending shall incur the punishment inflicted by the laws of this realm for forgery.

And that Pig and Bar-Iron made in his majesty's colonies of America, may be further manufactured in this Kingdom, *Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That from and after the twenty-fourth day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty, no mill or other engine for fitting or rolling of Iron, or a water-plate-Forge to work with a tilt-hammer, or any furnace for making steel, shall be erected, or after such erection, continued in any of his majesty's colonies in America; and if any person or persons shall erect, or cause to be erected, or after such erection, continue, or cause to be continued, in any of the said colonies, any such mill, engine, forge, or furnace, every person or persons so offending, shall, for every such mill, engine, forge, or furnace, forfeit the sum of Two hundred pounds, lawful money of Great Britain.

*And be it hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That every such mill, engine, forge, or furnace, so erected or continued contrary to the directions of this act, shall be deemed a common nuisance; and that every governor, lieutenant-governor, or commander in chief, of any of his majesty's colonies in America, where any such mill, engine, forge, or furnace, shall be erected or continued, shall, upon information to him made and given, upon the oath of any two or more credible witnesses, that any such mill, engine, forge, or furnace, hath been so erected or continued, (which oath such governor, lieutenant-governor, or commander in chief, is hereby authorized and required to administer) order and cause every such mill, engine, forge, or furnace, to be abated within the space of thirty days next after such information given and made as aforesaid; and if any governor, lieutenant-governor, or commander in chief, shall neglect or refuse so to do within the time herein before limited for that purpose, every such governor, lieutenant-governor, or commander in chief, so offending, shall for every such offence, forfeit the sum of Five hundred pounds, lawful money of Great Britain, and shall from thenceforth be disabled to hold or enjoy any office of trust or profit, under his majesty, his heirs or successors.

*And be it hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the several penalties and forfeitures by this act inflicted for wilfully making any stamp or certificate, herein before directed, or for erecting or continuing any mill, engine, forge, or furnace, prohibited by this act, or for refusing or neglecting to abate the same, shall and may be sued for, and recovered by action, bill, plaint, or information, in any of his majesty's courts of record at Westminster, or in the court of Exchequer in Scotland, or in any of the courts of record in his majesty's colonies in America respectively, wherein the offender shall dwell at the time when such action, bill, plaint, or information shall be brought; and every such action, bill, plaint, or information, to be brought in Great-Britain, shall be laid either in the county where any such offence shall be committed, or where the offender shall dwell at the time when such action, bill, plaint, or information, shall be brought.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That all such penalties and forfeitures shall be applied, one moiety to the use of his majesty, his heirs, and successors, and the other moiety to such person or persons, as shall sue for the same.

*And be it hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That all Bar-Iron which shall be imported from any of his majesty's colonies in America, into any port of London, by virtue

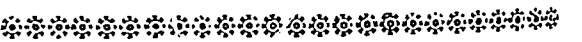
or under the authority of this present act, shall be entered at the custom-house in London; and every Bar of the said Iron so entered, shall be marked or stamped with such mark or stamp as the commissioners of his majesty's customs shall for that purpose order or direct, in three different parts of every such Bar (that is to say) two of the said marks or stamps at the distance of one yard from each end of such Bar, and the other of them at or near the middle thereof.

*And be it hereby further Enacted,* That if any person shall counterfeit, or wilfully destroy or deface any of the said marks or stamps, with an intent to convey or carry the same to any place ten miles from any part of the port of London, contrary to the true meaning of this act, every person so offending, and being thereof legally convicted, shall forfeit the sum of One hundred pounds, to be recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, in any of his majesty's courts of record at Westminster; one moiety thereof to his majesty, his heirs, and successors, and the other moiety to such person or persons, who sue for the same.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That from and after the said twenty-fourth day of June, every governor, or lieutenant-governor, or commander in chief, of any of his majesty's colonies of America, shall forthwith transmit to the commissioners for trade and plantations, a certificate under his hand and seal of office, containing a particular account of every mill or engine for fitting and rolling of Iron; and every water-plate-Forge to work with a tilt-hammer; and every furnace for making steel, at the time of the commencement of this act, erected in his colony; expressing also in the said certificate the name of them as are used, and the name or names of the proprietors or proprietors of each such mill, engine, forge, and furnace, and the place where each such mill, engine, forge, or furnace is erected, and the number of engines, forges, and furnaces in the said colony; and if any governor, lieutenant-governor, or commander in chief, shall neglect or refuse to do within six months after the said twenty-fourth Day of June, every such governor, lieutenant-governor, or commander in chief, so offending, shall be subject to such penalties and Forfeitures, as a Governor, or lieutenant-governor, of any of the said colonies is liable to for any offence committed against this act, to be recovered in like manner, as is by this act directed for the same.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That if any action or suit shall be commenced against any person or persons for any thing done in pursuance of this act, the defendant or defendants in any such action or suit, may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence, at any trial to be held thereupon; and that the same was done in pursuance and by the authority of this act; and if it shall appear so as to have been done, the jury shall find for the defendant or defendants; and if the plaintiff shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his action after the defendant or defendants shall have appeared; or if judgment shall be given upon a verdict of demur against the plaintiff, the defendant or defendants shall and may recover treble costs, and have the like remedy for the same, as any defendant or defendant hath or have in other cases by law.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That this act shall be deemed a public act, and be judicially taken notice of as such, by all judges, justices, and other persons whatsoever, without specially pleading the same.



L O N D O N.

*Extract of a letter from Barbadoes, March 14.*  
I HAVE been favoured with both your letters by Capt. Blackman, and am pleased to hear that mine to you has been of such public utility as you seem to mention: A further detail on that affair would be quite unnecessary at present. I shall therefore only acquaint you now with what occurs to me, from the best information I can get, concerning the evacuation of St. Lucia, Dominico, St. Vincent and Tobago.  
About a month ago arrived here express from England, the Jamaica sloop of war, Capt. Galbraith commander, with dispatches for our governor, which are said to contain orders from the French king to monsieur de Caylus, to see all the places above mentioned evacuated with all possible expedition. Upon which, as preparations were made by our men of war here, Mr. Holbourne, our commodore, with the Rose, Capt. Blad-