

shall and is hereby impowered to administer the said Oath, and
in case the said Master shall refuse the said Oath or upon suspicion
of having goods on board for which he hath not cleared, it shall be
lawfull for the said Navall Officer to enter on board any such ship
or vessell, the same to search for any such Goods as aforesaid any
thing in this Act before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

June 7. 1692,

Went to the Council Board.

Signed & Order

W. Taylard Clerk.

June 6. 1692,

The house of Assembly have assented

Significavit.

W. B. Clerk.

An Act against Divulgers of false news.

Whereas many Idle and busy headed People do forge
and divulge false rumours and Reports to the great distur-
-bance of the Peace of Our Sovereign Lord and Lady y^e King
and Queen and their liege people of this Province. Be it enacted
by the King and Queens most Excellent Majestys by and with the
advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly & the Authority
of the same, that what person or persons: never shall forge or de-
-vulge any false reports tending to the trouble of this Province
that he or they shall be by the next Justice of the Peace sent for &
bound over to the next County or the Provinciall Court where if
the