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Whereas I am informed by Certain Barkes, Catches, Sloops & other Vessels come into this Province to trade & transport away Tob out of this Province, before they come to enter such their Barkes, Catches, Sloops & other Vessels as aforesaid Contrary to the Act of Navigation & the Act & Orders of this Province in the Case provided. And reposing special trust & confidence in the integrity of you Richard Cullett I do hereby authorize you & likewise empower you & Richard Cullett to examine all & every person or persons attending on, or sailing on such Barkes, Catch, Sloops or other Vessel carrying or attempting to export away Tob. out of this Province & not shewing Certificate of their Entry of such Barkes, Catch Sloops or other Vessel in this Province. That then you cause all such Barkes, persons attending on, or sailing in such Vessels as aforesaid to put in good & sufficient security that within Ten Days at least they come either before the Lieut. Govall of this Province & the Secretary, & there before them make entry of such Barkes, Catch, Sloops, & other Vessel as aforesaid. And in Case you shall find know or heare of any Barkes, Catch, Sloops or other Vessel not having made entry therof in this Province, & exporting, or attempting to export Tob. out of this Province, you surprise & seize the same, & cause both the Vessel & the Tob. to be laden on Board, & so seized by you to be conveyed & brought unto the Lieut. Govall, to be by him & the Council determined & judged according to the Acts & Orders herein. And further I do hereby empower you & Richard Cullett (or in such Case you shall judge it needfull & requisite) to press men Ammunition & Armes for the more speedy surprising & seizing such Barkes, Catch Sloops & other Vessel exporting Tob. hence, & not having