

" Plantation, Colony, Territory or place, shall lade or unlade any Goods or
 " Commodities whatsoever, until the Master or Commander of such Ship or Vessel
 " shall first have made known to the Governor of such Land, Island, Plantation
 " Colony, Territory or place, or such other Officer as shall be by him there
 " unto authorized and appointed, the Arrival of the said Ship or Vessel, with her
 " Name, and the Name and Surname of her Master or Commander, and have
 " shewn to him, that she is an English built Ship, or made good by producing
 " such Certificate as aforesaid, that she is a Ship or Vessel bona fide belonging to
 " England Wales or the Town of Berwick, and navigated with an English
 " Master, and three fourth parts of the Mariners at least Englishmen, and
 " have delivered to such Governor or other Officer, a true and perfect
 " Inventory or Invoice of her Lading, together with the place or places, in
 " which the said Goods were laden or taken into the said Ship or Vessel, under
 " the Pain of the Loss of the Ship or Vessel with all the Goods therein

Here is a Statute which the English Legislature thought necessary
 for securing the Trade of the English Plantations, and of such Importance,
 that it is made an essential part of the Duty of every English Governor to use his
 Endeavour to put in Execution, and to appoint proper Officers for that purpose;
 for whose Conduct He is for a time answerable by a subsequent Act which
 shall be mentioned hereafter. This Statute (as all Others) is to be construed so,
 as to avoid the Inconvenience it was designed to remedy, and so, as its
 Prescriptions maybe best pursued. Can it then be questioned, whether the
 Governor of every Province is empowered by this Act to appoint as many Officers
 as are necessary for this End? Has not this been the constant Practice in this,
 as well as in other Provinces? Has not this Practice recd all the Sanction
 which the Nature of the thing is capable of? Is it not for the Security of fair
 Trade, and the Love of Traders, that there should be as many such Officers
 appointed as are necessary? If the Governor is empowered to appoint as many
 Officers as are necessary to carry this Act into Execution, and to prevent
 needless Troubles and dangerous Delays to Traders, Does it not necessarily
 follow, that One Officer so appointed, is, within his own District, as much