

Customs in some Ports in this Kingdom, or two of them, as also under the Hands of four of Our Commissioners of the Customs at London, or three of Our Commissioners of the Customs at Edinburgh; and where there shall be reasonable ground of Suspicion, that the Certificate of having given Security in this Kingdom is false and counterfeit, in such Case he or the Person or Persons appointed under him shall require and take sufficient Security for the discharge of the Plantation Lading in this Kingdom: And where there shall be Cause to suspect, that the Certificate of having discharged the Lading of Plantation Goods in this Kingdom is false and counterfeit, he shall not cancel or revoke the Security given in the Plantations until he shall be informed from the Commissioners of Our Customs, in Great Britain that the matter of the said Certificate is true: And if any Person or Persons shall counterfeit, Forge, or Falsify any such Certificate for any Vessel or Goods, or shall knowingly or willingly make Use thereof, he shall Prosecute such Person for the Forfeiture of the sum of Five hundred Pounds, according to a Clause of the aforesaid Act for preventing Frauds and regulating Abuses in the Plantation Trade, and pursuant to the said Act. He shall take care that in all such Bonds to be hereafter given or taken in Our said Province of Maryland, the Sureties therein named be Persons of known Residence and Ability there for the Value mentioned in the said Bonds, and that the Conditions of the said Bonds be within Eighteen Months after the Date thereof; the Danger of the Sea excepted; to produce a Certificate of having Landed and discharged the Goods therein mentioned in One of Our Plantations, or in this Kingdom, otherwise to Arrest the Copy of such Bonds under his Hand and Seal and to Cause Prosecution thereof; and it is Our further Will and Pleasure, that he do give directions to the Naval Officer or Officers not to Admit any Person to be Security for another, who has Bonds standing out and undischarged, unless he be esteemed responsible for more than the Value of such Bonds -

7. And the said Robert Eden is also to give directions to the said Naval Officer or Officers to Advise with the Collector of the Port or District in taking Bonds and not to Admit any Person to be Security in any Plantation Bond, until approved by the said Collector; And whereas Lists of all Certificates granted in South Britain for the discharge of Bonds given in the Plantations are every Quarter sent to the Collectors of the districts where such Bonds are given, the said Naval Officer or Officers is or are to take care, that no Bonds be discharged or cancelled by him or them, without first Advising with the Collector and Examining the said Lists, to see that the Certificate is not forged or counterfeited; And Whereas the Principal Officers of Our Customs in America are directed to examine from time to time, whether the Plantation Bonds be duly and regularly discharged, the said Robert Eden is to give directions that the said Officers be permitted to have recourse to the said Bonds as well as the Book or Books in which they are or ought to be Entered, and to Examine, as well whether due Entry thereof be made, as whether they are Regularly taken and Discharged, and where it shall appear that Bonds are not regularly discharged, the said Robert Eden is to Order that such Bonds be put in Suit. -

8. He, the said Robert Eden, is to understand, that the Payment of the Rates and Duties imposed by an Act intituled, "An Act for the Encouragement of the Greenland and Eastland Trades, and for the better securing the Plantation Trade," passed in the 25. Year of the