

licence or consent of Us, Our Heirs, or Successors, signified by Our or their Order in Council first had and obtained, he shall give Notice thereof to Us and to the Commissioners of Our Treasury or Our high Treasurer of Great Britain for the time being.

20. Whereas by the aforesaid Act for preventing Frauds and Regulating Abuses in the Plantation Trade, it is provided for the more effectual prevention of Frauds which may be used to elude the Intention of this said Act by colouring Foreign Ships under British Names; That no Ship or Vessel shall be deemed or pass as a Ship of the Built of Great Britain, or Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey, or any of Our Plantations in America so as to be Qualified to Trade, to from or in any of Our said Plantations until the Person or Persons claiming Property in such Ship or Vessel shall Register the same in manner thereby directed; He shall take care, that no foreign Built Ship be permitted to pass as a Ship belonging to the Kingdom of Great Britain, or Ireland, until Proof be made upon Oath of One or more of the Owners of the said Ship before the Collector or Comptroller of Our Customs in such Port to which she belongs, or upon like Proof before himself with the Principal Officer of Our Revenue Residing in Our aforesaid Province of Maryland if such Ship shall belong to the said Province; which Oath he and the Officers of Our Customs respectively are Authorized to Administer in Manner thereby directed; and being attested by him and then so Administering the same and registered in due form according to the Specimen hereunto annexed he shall not fail immediately to transmit a Duplicate thereof to the Commissioners of Our Customs in London, in Order to be Entered in a general Register to be there kept for that Purpose, with Penalty upon every Ship or Vessel trading to from, or in any of Our said Plantations in America, as aforesaid and not having made Proof of her Built and Property as by the aforementioned Act is directed, that she shall be liable to such Prosecution, and Forfeiture, as any Foreign Ship (except Prizes Condemned in Our high Court of Admiralty) would for trading with Our Plantations by the said Law be liable unto; with this Proviso, that all such Ships as have been or shall be taken at Sea by Letters of Marque or Reprisal, and Condemnation thereof made in Our High Court of Admiralty as Lawful Prizes shall be specially Registered, mentioning the Capture and Condemnation instead of the time and place of Building, with Proof also upon Oath, that the entire Property is British, before any such Prize be allowed the Privilege of a British built Ship according to the meaning of the said Act, And that no Ships Name Registered be afterwards changed without Registering such Ship de novo, which by the said Act is required to be done upon any transfer of Property to another Port, and delivering up the former Certificate to be cancelled, under the same Penalties and in the like Manner, And in case of any Alteration of Property in the same Port by the Sale of One or more Shares in any Ship after Registering thereof, such Sale shall always be acknowledged by Endorsement on the Certificate of Register before two Witnesses in order to prove, that the entire Property in such Ship remains to some of Our Subjects of Great Britain, if any Dispute shall arise concerning the same.

21. Whereas by the Act passed in the tenth Year of the Reign of King William the third, to prevent the Exportation of Wool out of the Kingdoms of England and Ireland into Foreign parts And for the Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures in the Kingdoms