

board any such Goods Merchandizes, or Negroes, do not, upon Notice given to the Master or other Person having the Command thereof, as soon as conveniently may be depart out of the Limits of his Government and from the Coasts thereof without Landing, selling, or bartering any of the said Goods or Negroes, he or the Commander in Chief for the time being shall cause the said Ship or Ships Goods and Negroes to be seized and proceeded against according to Law, but if such Ship or Ships having such Goods and Negroes on Board and entering into any Port or Place, or coming upon any of the Coasts or Shores of Our said Province under his Government, do belong to Our Subjects, and do break bulk, or sell, barter or Exchange, or otherwise dispose of the said Goods, or Negroes or any part thereof contrary to Law, he is to take care that such Ship or Ships, with the Guns, Tackles, Apparels and Furniture thereof, and all Goods and Merchandizes laden thereupon, and the Proceeds and Effects of the same be immediately Seized, and that the Laws in such Case made and Provided be put in Execution with the greatest care diligence and application. But if any Ship belonging to the Subjects of any foreign State or Potentate, having on board any Negroes or East India Commodities shall be actually bound to some place or port in the West Indies belonging to any foreign Prince or State from European Port, and such Ship shall happen to be driven in by necessity and be in real distress, the same may be supplied with what is absolutely necessary for her Relief, but he shall not take, have, or receive nor permit or suffer any Person to take, have or receive any Negroes or other the said East India Commodities in Payment or Satisfaction for such Relief. That if any Officer of Our Customs or other Officer employed by him or by the Commander in Chief for the time being, in visiting searching or seizing such Ships Goods Merchandizes, or Negroes, be corrupt, negligent or remiss in the discharge of his Duty therein We do hereby require him to suspend him from the Execution of his said Office, and that he do by the first Opportunity send an Account of such Officers behaviour to Us, by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, that care may be taken, that such Officer be removed from his employment, and further Punished according to his demerit. And Our further Will and Pleasure is, that he, the said Robert Eden, do constantly from time to time, and by the first Opportunity that shall offer send to Us by One of Our Principal Secretaries of State, true full and exact Accounts of his Proceedings, and of all other Transactions and occurrences in or about the Premises or any of them.

30 And Whereas, notwithstanding the many good Laws made from time to time for preventing of frauds in the Plantation Trade, it is manifest that very great abuses have been and still continues to be practiced to the prejudice of the same, which abuses must needs arise either from the insolvency of Persons who are accepted for security, or from the remissness or connivance of such as have been or are Governors in the several Plantations who ought to take care that those Persons, who give Bonds, should be duly prosecuted in case of Non performance; You are to take Notice, that We take the good of Our Plantations and the Improvement of the Trade thereof by a strict and punctual observance of the several Laws in force concerning the same to be of so great Importance to the benefit of this Kingdom and to the advancing the Duty of Our Customs here, that if we shall hereafter be informed, that at any time there shall be any failure