

and Ammunition but that he be obliged to do the afore-
things as fully and strongly as if the said Law were in full force.
To it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That every Master of
Ship or Vessel as aforesaid at the time of his Tearing shall upon Oath
declare the quality and Quantity of his Loading and that the Harbour
Officer by the Governor aforesaid Appointed for the time being shall
is hereby Impowered to Administer the said Oath And in Case the said
Master shall refuse the said Oath or upon Suspicion of having Goods
on Board for which he hath not Tleared It shall be Lawful for the said
Harbour Officer to Enter on Board any such Ship or Vessel and the same to
Search for any such Goods as aforesaid any thing in this Act before Men-
tioned Notwithstanding.

An Act for the preservation of y^e severall Harbours within this Province. #

Whereas Diverse persons as well the Inhabitants of this Province
as foreigners hitherto trading in Ships of Great Burthen as also in
other Small Vessels have notwithstanding Laws formerly Enacted ag^t
the unloading of Ballast in the Creeks or Harbours where they usually
ride within this Province in Contempt of the said Laws or by pleading
Ignorance of them notwithstanding the Secretaries of this Province were
by the said Act obliged for the time ensuing the publication thereof
to deliver unto every respective Master a Copy of the said Laws for such a reason
as by the said Law was Comitted and allowed Annually unloaded and left
their Ballast in such Creeks and Harbours where they usually ride to
in their Loading to the great Damage of the Creeks and Harbours
Harbours within this Province by reason of so great number
Yearly in them do reside for prevention whereof for the