

with, upon the Receipt of this Order, give immediate Directions, that an Embargo be laid, during his Majesty's Pleasure, upon all Ships and Vessels Clearing out with Provisions, from any Port or Place within your Government, except those which shall be employed in carrying Provisions to any other of his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations, which Ships or Vessels are to be allowed to sail from Time to Time, provided that the Masters or Owners do, before they are permitted to take any Provisions on Board, enter into Bonds, with Two Sureties of known Residence there, and Ability to answer the Penalty, with the Chief Officers of the Customs of the Ports or Places from whence such Ships or Vessels shall set sail, to the Value of One Thousand Pounds, if the Ship be of less Burthen than One Hundred Tons, and of the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds if above that Burthen, that the Cargoes of such Ships or Vessels, the Particulars of which are to be expressed in the Bond, shall not be landed in any other Ports or Places than such as belong to his Majesty, or are in Possession of his Subjects; and that they will, within Twelve Months after the Date thereof, the Danger of the Sea excepted, produce Certificates under the Hands and Seals of the principal Officers of the Customs at such Ports or Places, for which such Ships or Vessels Cleared out, that the said Cargoes, expressing the Particulars thereof, have actually been landed there. And when there shall be Cause to suspect, that such Certificates are false and counterfeit, you shall take especial Care that such Security be not cancelled or vacated, until you shall have been informed from the said principal Officers of the Customs, that the Matter and Contents thereof are just and true. And in Case the Masters or Owners of such Ships or Vessels, shall not produce the said Certificates within the Time limited, you are to attest the Copies of such Bonds under your Hand and Seal, and to cause Prosecution thereof: And you are also to give Directions, that no Person be admitted to be Security for another, who has Bonds standing out undischarged, unless he be esteemed Responsible for more than the Value of such Bonds.

And, in order the more fully to answer his Majesty's Intention, of Distressing the Enemy, and to render his Orders herein the more effectual, you are to take Care, in Case the Masters or Owners of any Ships or Vessels, having Cleared out from the Colony under your Government, laden with Provisions for any of his Majesty's other Colonies or Islands, shall be detected in causing collusive Captures to be made of the Cargoes, that the severest Penalties be inflicted upon the Offenders, which the Laws will, in such Case, allow of. We are, SIR, *Your most obedient humble Servants,*

" DUNK HALIFAX,
" ANDREW STONE,
" JAMES OSWALD."

The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Major Dennis appeared in the House.

The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, April 26, 1757.

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. Wallis hath Leave of the House to be absent till the Morrow Evening.

Capt. Thomas Gantt, a Delegate returned (to serve in the General Assembly of this Province) by the Sheriff of Prince-George's County, appeared in the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser and Capt. Jenifer do go with Capt. Gantt to the Upper House, to see him Qualified: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they saw him Qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of the Inhabitants of Baltimore-Town, and other Inhabitants of Baltimore County; Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, 26th of April, 1757. Read and Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly;" which Petition was here Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Col. Tarker, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entituled, *An Act continuing an Act, entituled, An Act for the Gauge of Barrels, for Pork, &c.*

The Bill, entituled, *An Act continuing an Act, entituled, An Act to empower the Justices to make Provision for the late Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, &c.* The