

Bay; and also Two Acts, made in the last Session of Parliament, for restraining the Trade and Commerce of the Colonies in the said Acts respectively mentioned; and to enable any Person or Persons, appointed and authorised by His Majesty to grant Pardons, to issue Proclamations, in the Cases, and for the Purposes therein mentioned; whereby it was enacted, That all Trade and Commerce should be prohibited with the Colonies therein mentioned, and that all Ships and Vessels of or belonging to the Inhabitants of the said Colonies, together with their Cargoes, Apparel, and Furniture, and all other Ships and Vessels whatsoever, together with their Cargoes, Apparel, and Furniture, which should be found trading in any Port or Place of the said Colonies, or going to trade, or coming from trading in any such Port or Place, should become forfeited to His Majesty, as if the same were the Ships and Effects of open Enemies, and should be so adjudged and taken in all Courts of Admiralty, and in all other Courts whatsoever: And whereas Vessels, Effects, Goods, or Merchandize, belonging to Inhabitants of the said Colonies, who were loyal Subjects to His Majesty, may have become forfeited, and may have been adjudged and condemned as lawful Prize under the said Act; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners appointed by this Act, to enquire into Losses sustained in Consequence of the said Act, by any such Inhabitants, who have presented or delivered Claims for such Losses to the said Commissioners, or any Two of them, and who shall give sufficient Proof, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, of their Loyalty to His Majesty, and Attachment to the British Government.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall, from Time to Time, at their Discretion, or as often as they shall be thereunto required, and as soon as possible after the Determination of their Examinations and Proceedings, by virtue of this Act, without any further Requisition, give an Account of their Proceedings,

Commissioners to give an Account of their Proceedings to the Treasury and Secretaries of State.