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in this Kingdom is false and counterfeit, you shall not cancel or vacate the Security given in the Plantations, until you shall be informed from the Commissioners of Our Custom in Great Britain, that the Matter of the said Certificate is true ; And if any Person or Persons shall counterfeit, raze, or falsify any such Certificate for any Vessel or Goods, or shall knowingly or wittingly make use thereof, you shall prosecute such Person for the forfeiture of the Sum of five hundred Pounds according to the Clause of the aforesaid Act for preventing Frauds, and regulating Abuses in the Plantation Trade ; and pursuant to the said Act you shall take care, that in all such Bonds to be hereafter given or taken in the Province under your Government, the Sureties therein named be persons of known residence and ability there, for the value mentioned in the said Bonds, and that the Condition of the said Bonds be within eighteen Months after the Date thereof, the danger of the Seas excepted, to produce a Certificate of having landed and discharged the Goods therein mentioned in One of Our Plantations, or in this Kingdom, otherwise to attest the Copy of such Bonds under your hand and Seal, and to cause Prosecution thereof. And it is Our further Will and Pleasure that you do give Directions to the Naval Officer or Officers not to admit any Person to be Security for another, who had Bonds standing out and undischarged, unless he be esteemed responsible for more than the Value of such Bonds.

7. And you are also to give Directions to the said Naval Officer or Officers to advise with the Collector of the Port or District in taking Bonds, and not to admit any Person to be Security in any Plantation Bond until approved by the said Collector ; And whereas Lists of all Certificates, granted in South Britain for the discharge of Bonds given in the Plantations, are every Quarter sent to the Collectors of the Districts, where such Bonds are given, the said Naval Officer or Officers is, or are to take care, that no Bond be discharged or cancell'd by him or them without first advising with the Collector, and examining the said List ; to see that the Certificate is not forged or counterfeited ; And whereas the Principal Officers of Our Customs in America are directed to examine from time to time, whether the Plantation Bonds be duly and regularly discharged, you are to give directions, that the said Officers be permitted to have recourse to the said Bonds, as well as the Book or Books in which they are or ought to be entered and to examine as well whether due Entry thereof be made, as whether they are regularly taken and discharged, and where it shall appear, that Bonds are not regularly discharged, you are to order that, such Bond be put in Suit.

8. You are to understand that the Payment of the rates and Duties imposed by An Act intituled, "An Act for the encouragement of the Green-land and Eastland Trades ; and for the better securing the Plantation "Trade" passed in the twenty fifth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, on the several Plantation Commodities therein enumerated doth not give Liberty to carry the said Goods to any other Place, than to some