

importation of any felons from this Kingdom into the Province under your Government.

21. And whereas, an Act of Parliament was passed in the sixth year of the reign of Her late Majesty, Queen Anne, intituled: "An Act for ascertaining the rates of foreign coins in Her Majesty's Plantations in America," which Act all the respective Governors of all our Plantations in America have from time to time been instructed to observe and carry into due execution; and whereas, notwithstanding the same, complaints have been made, that the said Act has not been observed as it ought to have been in many of Our Colonies and Plantations in America; by means whereof many indirect practices have grown up, and various and illegal currencies have been introduced in several of our said Colonies and Plantations, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the said Act, and to the prejudice of the trade of our subjects; it is, therefore, Our Royal will and pleasure, and you are hereby strictly required and commanded, under pain of Our highest displeasure, and of being removed from your Government, to take the most effectual care for the future, that the said Act be punctually and *bonâ fide* observed, and put in execution according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

22. You are to examine what rates and duties are charged, and payable on any goods exported and imported within Our said Province, whether of the growth or manufacture of the said Province, or otherwise; and you are to suppress the engrossing of commodities, as tending to the prejudice of that freedom which trade and commerce ought to have; and to use your best endeavors in the improving the trade of those parts, by settling such orders and regulations therein, with the advice of Our said Council, as may be most acceptable to the generality of the inhabitants; and it is our express will and pleasure, that you do not, upon any pretence whatever, upon pain of Our highest displeasure, give your assent to any law or laws for setting up any manufactures, or carrying on any trade which are hurtful and prejudicial to this Kingdom, and that you do use your utmost endeavors to discourage, discountenance, and restrain any attempts which may be made to set up such manufactures, or establish any such trades.

23. Whereas it is necessary that Our rights and dues be preserved and recovered, and that speedy and effectual justice be administered in all cases relating to Our revenue, you are to take care that a Court of Exchequer be called and do meet at all such times as shall be needful; and you are to inform Our Commissioners for Trade and Plantations whether Our service may require that a constant Court of Exchequer be settled and established there.

24. You shall not erect any new Court or Office of Judicature, nor dissolve any Court or office already erected or established there.

25. Our will and pleasure is, that you or the Commander-in-Chief for the time being do in all civil causes, on application being made to you or the Commander-in-Chief for the time being for that purpose, permit and allow appeals from any of the Courts of Common Law in Our said Province unto you or the Commander-in-Chief and the Council of the said Province; and you are for that purpose to issue a writ, in the manner which has been usually accustomed, returnable before yourself and the Council of the said Province, who are to proceed to hear and determine such appeal, wherein such of the said Council as shall be at that time Judges of the Court from whence such appeal shall be so made to you our Captain-General or to the Commander-in-Chief for the time being, and to Our said Council, as aforesaid, shall not be admitted to vote on the said appeal, but they may, nevertheless, be present at the hearing thereof to give the reasons of the judgment given by them in the causes wherein such appeal shall be made; provided, nevertheless, that in all such appeals the sum or value appealed for do exceed the sum of three hundred pounds sterling, and that security be first duly given appellant to answer such charges as shall be awarded, in case the first sentence be affirmed; and if either party shall not rest satisfied with the judgment of you or the Commander-in-Chief for the time being and Council, as aforesaid, Our will and pleasure is, that they may then appeal unto Us in Our Privy Council; provided the sum or value so appealed for unto Us do