

Asia, Africa, and America shall enjoy the Privilege of a Ship belonging to Great Britain or Ireland, although owned and manned by British Subjects, (excepting such Ships only as shall be taken at Sea by Letters of Mart, or Reprizal, and Condemnation thereof made in Our Court of Admiralty as lawful Prize,) but all such Ships shall be deemed as Aliens Ships, and be liable to all duties that Aliens Ships are liable to by Virtue of the aforesaid Act, for the encouraging and increasing of Shipping and Navigation : And whereas by a Clause in the Act for preventing Frauds and regulating Abuses in the Plantation Trade, it is enacted that no Goods or Merchandizes whatsoever shall be imported into or exported out of any of Our Colonies or Plantations in Asia, Africa, or America, or shall be laden in, or carried from any one Port or place in the said Colonies or Plantations to any other Port or Place in the same, or to Our Kingdom of Great Britain in any Ship or Bottom but what is or shall be of the Built of Great Britain, or Ireland, or of the said Colonies or Plantations, and wholly owned by the People thereof, or any of them, and navigated with the Master and three fourths of the Mariners of the said Places only, except such Ships only, as shall be taken as Prize, and Condemnation thereof made in One of the Courts of Admiralty in Great Britain, Ireland, or the said Plantations to be navigated by the Master and three fourths of the Mariners British, or of the said Plantations as aforesaid, and whereof the Property does belong to British Subjects, on pain of forfeiture of Ship and Goods ; And whereas by another Clause in the said Act for the more effectual prevention of Frauds, which may be used by colouring foreign Ships under British Names : It is further enacted, that no Ship or Vessel whatsoever shall be deemed or pass as a Ship of the Built of Great Britain, Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey, or any of Our Plantations in America, so as to be qualified to trade to, from, or in any of the said Plantations, until the Person or Persons claiming property in such Ship or Vessel shall register the same in manner thereby appointed : You shall take care and give in charge that these Matters and things be duely observed within Our said Province under your Government according to the true intent and meaning of the said Acts & the Offences & Offenders prosecuted according to the directions thereof, and where it is required, that the Master and three fourths of the Mariners be British ; You are to understand, that the true intent and meaning thereof is, that they shall be such during the whole Voyage unless in case of Sickness, Death, or being taken Prisoners in the Voyage to be proved by the Oath of the Master or other Chief Officer of the Ship, and none but Our Subjects of Great Britain, Ireland, or the Plantations are to be accounted British.

5. Whereas, by the said Act of Navigation, as the same stands amended and altered by the aforesaid Act for regulation of the Plantation Trade, it is enacted that for every Ship or Vessel, which shall set Sail out of, or from Great Britain for any British Plantation in America, Asia, or Africa, sufficient Bond shall be given with one Surety to the chief Officer of the Customs of such Port or Place, from whence the said Ship shall set sail, to the value