

Duties on
Goods ex-
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under the Di-
rection of the
Commissioners
of Customs,
&c.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the first Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, the Customs and other Duties which now are or hereafter may be due and payable upon any Goods or Merchandises brought or imported into, or exported or carried from, the Island of Newfoundland, by virtue of this or any Act or Acts of Parliament, and the Officers of His Majesty's Customs appointed for executing and carrying into Execution the several Laws relating to the Trade and Revenue there, shall be under the Management and Direction of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in England for the Time being, under the Authority and Direction of the High Treasurer of Great Britain, or the Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, any Law, Patent, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Deputations
granted by the
Commissioners
for North America,
before
Jan. 1, 1776,
to any Officers
for Newfoundland
to be in
Force.

Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Deputations and other Authorities granted by the Commissioners of the Customs for North America, before the said first Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, to any Officer or Officers acting in and for the said Island of Newfoundland, shall continue in force, as fully to all Intents and Purposes as if this Act had not been made, until the Deputations or other Authorities so granted to such Officer or Officers respectively shall be revoked, annulled, or made void by the High Treasurer of Great Britain, or Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being.

Persons sued
for any Thing
done in pur-
suance of this
Act may plead
the General Issue,
&c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act of Parliament, the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance of and by the Authority of this Act: And if it shall appear so to have been done, the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and if the Plaintiff shall