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others to succeed in their Places, you shall make choice of Persons of known Loyalty, Experience, Diligence, and Fidelity to be employed for the purposes aforesaid until you shall have Our Approbation of them or the Nomination of others from hence.

19. You shall from time to time correspond with the Commissioners of Our Customs in London for the Time being, and advise them of all Failures, Neglects, Frauds, and Misdemeanours of any of the Officers of Our Customs in Our said Province under your Governm^t and shall also advise them, as occasion shall offer, of all occurrences necessary for their Information relating either to the aforesaid Laws of Trade and Navigation, or to Our Revenue of Customs and other Duties under their management, both in Great Britain and the Plantations.

20. If you shall discover, that any Persons or their Assigns claiming any Right or Propriety in any Island or Tract of Land in America, by Charter or by Letters Patent shall at any time hereafter, alien, sell or dispose of such Island, Tract of Land, or Propriety other than to Our natural born Subjects of Great Britain, without the Licence or Consent of Us, our Heirs, or Successors signified by Our or their Order in Council first had and obtained, You shall give Notice thereof to Us, and to Our Commissioners of Our Treasury or to Our High Treasurer of Great Britain for the Time being.

21. Whereas by the aforesaid Act for preventing Frauds, and regulating Abuses in the Plantation Trade, it is provided for the more effectual prevention of Frauds which may be used to elude the Intention of the said Act by colouring foreign Ships under British Names ; That no Ship or Vessel shall be deemed or pass as a Ship of the Built of Great Britain or Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey, or any of Our Plantations in America, so as to be qualified to Trade to, from, or in any of Our said Plantations until the Person or Persons claiming Property in such Ship or Vessel shall register the same in manner thereby directed, You shall take care that no foreign Built Ships be permitted to pass as a Ship belonging to Our kingdom of Great Britain, or Ireland, until proof be made upon Oath of one or more of the owners of the said Ship before the Collector or Comptroller of Our Customs in such Port to which she belongs or upon like Proof before yourself, with the principal Officer of Our Revenue residing in Our aforesaid Province, under your Government, if such Ships shall belong to the said Province which Oath you, and the Officers of Our Customs respectively are authorized to administer in manner thereby directed, and being attested by you and them so administering the same, and registered in due form according to the specimen hereunto annexed, you shall not fail immediately to transmit a Duplicate thereof to the Commissioners of Our Customs in London in order to be entered in a general register to be there kept for that purpose with Penalty upon every Ship or Vessel trading to, from, or in any of Our said Plantation in America as aforesaid, and not having made Proof of her Built and Property, as by the afore-mentioned Act is directed, and shall be