

ingly, with Respect to a Complaint transmitted not long since by the Surveyor General of *North America*, and the Collector of *New-London*, against His Majesty's Colony of *Connecticut*. These Gentlemen, one or both of them, drew up a Charge against that innocent and loyal Colony, in very severe Terms, as *setting the Laws of Trade and Navigation at the utmost Defiance*. Whereas, in Truth and in Fact, the Instances they produc'd of such Defiance, were clear Proofs of that Colony's Inclination to support the Laws of Trade, and their own Traffick ; and on the contrary, what the Custom-House Officers insisted on, was manifestly subversive of both, and could serve no End in the World, but enhancing the Collectors Fees. The Case is this : There are on the Coast of His Majesty's Colony of *Connecticut*, eight convenient Ports or Harbours for Shipping. The Government there did, from the Beginning, place a Naval Officer in each of them, to see that the several Acts of Trade were duly observ'd. After the Act of the 7th and 8th of King WILLIAM, the Collector of the Colony appointed a Deputy in each of these Ports, who requir'd all Masters of Vessels, Outward and Inward-Bound, to Enter and Clear with him, as well as with the Naval Officer, whether they had any Goods on Board, paying a Duty to the Crown, or not ; which they submitted to, tho' not oblig'd by Law, as Sir *William Thompson*, the late Solicitor General, has, upon a full and impartial State of the Case, given his Opinion. The present Collector, thinking it best to receive all the Fees himself, refuses to make any Deputations, or allow the Power of the Naval Officers to be sufficient in his Absence, but commands all Masters of Vessels whatsoever, to repair to the Port of his Residence, & there to Enter & Clear with him : By which Regulation Seven of the Eight Ports, are left open for illegal Traders, to the great Detriment of the Crown ; whilst with equal Injury to the Subject, Sloops sailing from one Town to another, or perhaps to a neighbouring Province, with no better a Cargo than a few Deals and Turnips, shall be oblig'd to go sometimes 120 Miles out of their Way, (which often happens to be further than the Port of Delivery,) to find the Collector. The Agent for the Colony has fully represented this Hardship to the Commissioners of the Customs, and shown the Injury that will be done to the King as well as the Subject by this Establishment ; but all in vain ; there is no Redress: And what puts one out of all Patience