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part of the general policy of the English government, and to have been intended to take place in every country that either then made or should thereafter make a part of the dominions of the crown of England.

Stat 15  
Car. II. cap.  
7.

The next statute that we have met with of this comprehensive nature is the statute of the 15th of Charles the Second, chap. 7, intituled, "An Act for the Encouragement of Trade." In the 7th section of this statute it is enacted, that after the 25th day of March 1664, no commodity of the growth or manufacture of Europe shall be imported into any land, island, plantation, colony, territory, or place to his Majesty belonging, *or which shall hereafter belong unto, or be in the possession of, his Majesty, his heirs and successors*, in Asia, Africa, or America (Tangier only excepted) but what shall be laden and shipped in England, Wales, or the town of Berwick upon Tweed, and in English-built shipping.

Stat. 7 and 8  
of Will. III.  
cap. 22.

Another statute of the same kind is the stat. 7 and 8 Will. III. chap. 22, intituled, "An Act for preventing Frauds, and regulating Abuses, in the Plantation Trade;" by which it is enacted and ordained, that after the 25th day of March, in the year 1698, no goods or merchandizes whatsoever shall be imported into, or exported out of, any colony or plantation to his Majesty in Asia, Africa, or America belonging, or in his possession, *or which may hereafter belong unto, or be in the possession of, his Majesty, his heirs or successors*, in any ship or bottom but what is or shall be of the built of England, or of the built of Ireland, or of the built of the said colonies or plantations.

And the other acts of parliament relating to the trade of your Majesty's American colonies, though they have not such strong positive words in them as the three statutes above-mentioned, yet are generally understood to extend to this province as well as to your Majesty's more ancient American dominions; and, agreeably to this opinion, your Majesty has caused a clause to be inserted in your commission to your governour of this province,<sup>1</sup> directing him to take the oath required to be taken by governours of the plantations to do their utmost that the several laws relating to trade and plantations be duly observed; and this oath he hath accordingly taken. And your Majesty's commissioners of the customs have appointed a collector and comptroller of the customs, and other officers necessary for the collection of them, for this part of Quebec, in order to carry all these acts of parliament into execution.

<sup>1</sup> See Instructions to Governor Murray, latter part of sec. 3, p. 183.