

Ship or Vessel in any of the British Colonies or Plantations in America, to be carried from thence to any other British Colony or Plantation, without a Sufferance or Warrant first had and obtained from the Collector or other principal Officer of the Customs at the Port or Place where such Goods shall be intended to be put on board; and the Master of every such Ship or Vessel shall, before the same be removed or carried out from the Port or Place where he takes in his Lading, take out a Cocket or Cockets expressing the Quantity and Quality of the Goods, and Marks of the Package, so laden, with the Merchants Names, by whom shipped, and to whom consigned; and if they are Goods that are liable to the Payment of any Duty, either upon the Importation into, or upon the Exportation from the said Colonies or Plantations, the said Cocket or Cockets shall likewise distinctly specify that the Duties have been paid for the same, referring to the Times or Dates of Entry and Payment of such Duties, and by whom they were paid; which Cocket or Cockets shall be produced by the Master of such Ship or Vessel, to the Collector or other principal Officer of the Customs at the Port or Place where such Ship or Vessel shall arrive in any of the British Colonies or Plantations in America, before any Part of the Goods are unladen or put on Shore: And if any Goods or Merchandizes shall be shipped as aforesaid, without such Sufferance, or the Vessel shall depart and proceed on her Voyage without such Cocket or Cockets, or the Goods shall be landed or put on Shore before such Cocket or Cockets are produced at the Port or Place of Discharge, or if the Goods do not agree in all Respects therewith, the Goods, in any or either of those Cases, shall be forfeited and lost; and any Officer of his Majesty's Customs is hereby empowered to stop any such Ship or Vessel, bound as aforesaid, which shall be discovered within two Leagues of the Shore of any of the said British Colonies or Plantations in America, and to seize and take from thence all the Goods which shall be found on board such Ship or Vessel for which no such Cocket or Cockets shall be produced to him.

And whereas British Vessels arriving from foreign Parts at several of the out Ports of this Kingdom, fully or in Part laden abroad with Goods that are pretended to be destined to some foreign Plantation, do frequently take

on board some small Parcels of Goods in this Kingdom, which are entered outwards for some British Colony or Plantation, and a Cocket and Clearance thereupon granted for such Goods, under Cover of which the whole Cargoes of such Vessels are clandestinely landed in the British American Dominions, contrary to several Acts of Parliament now in Force, to the great Prejudice of the Trade and Revenue of this Kingdom; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First Day of May, 1764, no Ship or Vessel shall, upon any Pretence whatsoever, be cleared outwards from any Port of this Kingdom, for any Land, Island, Plantation, Colony, Territory, or Place, to his Majesty belonging, or which shall hereafter belong unto or be in the Possession or under the Dominion of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, in America, unless the whole and entire Cargo of such Ship or Vessel shall be, bona fide, and without Fraud, laden and shipped in this Kingdom; and any Officer of his Majesty's Customs is hereby empowered to stop any British Ship or Vessel arriving from any Part of Europe, which shall be discovered within two Leagues of the Shore of any of the said British Colonies or Plantations in America, and to seize and take from thence, as aforesaid, any Goods (except as herein after mentioned) for which the Master or other Person taking the Charge of such Ship or Vessel, shall not produce a Cocket or Clearance from the Collector or proper Officer of his Majesty's Customs, certifying that the said Goods were laden on board the said Ship or Vessel in some Port of Great-Britain.

Provided always, That this Act shall not extend, nor be construed to extend, to forfeit for Want of such Cocket or Clearance, any Salt laden in Europe for the Fisheries in New-England, Newfoundland, Pennsylvania, New-York, and Nova-Scotia, or any other Place to which Salt is or shall be allowed by Law to be carried; Wines laden in the Madeiras, of the Growth thereof; and Wines of the Growth of the Western Islands, or Azores, and laden there; nor any Horses, Victuals, or Linen Cloth, of and from Ireland, which may be laden on board such Ship or Vessel.

And it is further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall counterfeit, raise, alter, or falsify, any Affidavit, Certificate, Sufferance, Cocket, or Clearance, required or directed