

Report to the Collector or other Principal Officer of the Customs, and which shall not be comprized or mentioned in the said Report, shall be forfeited and lost, and shall and may be seized and prosecuted by any Officer of the Customs; and the Master or other Person having the Charge or Command of such Ship or Vessel (in Case it can be made appear that he was any wise consenting or privy to such Fraud or Concealment) shall forfeit treble the Value of the Goods so found.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the 29th Day of September, 1764, if any Goods or Merchandizes whatsoever, liable to the Payment of Duties in any British Colony or Plantation in America, by this or any other Act of Parliament, shall be loaden on board any Ship or Vessel outward bound, or shall be unshipped or landed from any Ship or Vessel inward bound, before the respective Duties due thereon are paid, agreeable to Law; or if any prohibited Goods whatsoever shall be imported into, or exported out of, any of the said Colonies or Plantations, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this or any other Act of Parliament; every Person who shall be assisting, or otherwise concerned, either in the loading outwards, or in the unshipping or landing inwards, such Goods, or to whose Hands the same shall knowingly come after the loading or unshipping thereof, shall, for each and every Offence, forfeit treble the Value of such Goods, to be estimated and computed according to the best Price that each respective Commodity bears at the Place where such Offence was committed; and all the Boats, Horses, Cattle, and other Carriages whatsoever, made Use of in the loading, landing, removing, Carriage, or Conveyance, of any of the aforesaid Goods, shall also be forfeited and lost, and shall and may be seized and prosecuted by any Officer of his Majesty's Customs, as herein after mentioned.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the 29th Day of September, 1764, if any Officer of his Majesty's Customs shall, directly or indirectly, take or receive any Bribe, Recompence or Reward, in any Kind whatsoever; or connive at any false Entry, or make any collusive Seizure or Agreement; or do any other Act or Deed whatsoever by which his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, shall or may be defrauded in his or their Duties, or whereby any Goods prohibited shall be suffered to pass either inwards or outwards, or whereby the Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by this or any other Act of Parliament relating to his Majesty's Customs in America may be evaded; every such Officer therein offending, shall, for each and every Offence, forfeit the Sum of 500 l. and be rendered incapable of serving his Majesty in any Office or Employment Civil or Military: And if any Person or Per-

sons whatsoever shall give, offer, or promise to give, any Bribe, Recompence, or Reward, to any Officer of the Customs, to do, conceal, or connive at, any Act, whereby any of the Provisions made by this or any other Act of Parliament relating to his Majesty's Customs in America may be evaded or broken, every such Person or Persons shall, for each and every such Offence, (whether the same Offer, Proposal, or Promise, be accepted or performed, or not) the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

And whereas by an Act of Parliament made in the 7th and 8th Years of the Reign of King William the Third, intituled, *An Act for preventing Frauds, and regulating Abuses, in the Plantation Trade*, all Governors or Commanders in Chief of any of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations, are required to take a solemn Oath, to do their Utmost that all the Clauses, Matters and Things, contained in that Act, and several other Acts of Parliament therein referred to, relating to the said Colonies, be punctually and bona fide observed, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof: And whereas divers other good Laws have been since made, for the better regulating and securing the Plantation Trade; Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the present Governors or Commanders in Chief of any British Colony or Plantation shall, before the 29th Day of September, 1764, and all who shall hereafter be made Governors or Commanders in Chief of the said Colonies or Plantations, or any of them, before their Entrance into their Government, shall take a solemn Oath, to do their Utmost, that all the Clauses, Matters and Things, contained in any Act of Parliament heretofore made, and now in Force, relating to the said Colonies or Plantations, and that all and every the Clauses contained in this present Act, be punctually and bona fide observed, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, so far as appertains unto the said Governors or Commanders in Chief respectively, under the like Penalties, Forfeitures and Disabilities, either for neglecting to take the said Oath, or for willingly neglecting to do their Duty accordingly, as are mentioned and expressed in the said recited Act made in the 7th and 8th Years of the Reign of King William the Third; and the said Oath hereby required to be taken, shall be administered by such Person or Persons as hath, or have been, or shall be, appointed to administer the Oath required to be taken by the said Act made in the 7th and 8th Years of the Reign of King William the Third.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Penalties and Forfeitures herein before mentioned, which shall be incurred in Great-Britain, shall and may be prosecuted, sued for, and recovered, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, or in the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, respectively; and (all necessary Charges