Bacon said beforementioned Act shall be allowed to the Owners of such Vessels.

IV. Provided nevertheless, That in case any Owner or Owners, Residents of this Province, shall refuse to comply with the Directions laid down hereby, it shall in no wise be lawful for the Naval Officer aforesaid, to give any Benefit or Benefits to the said Owner or Owners, but they are hereby declared to stand on the same Foot with Persons Non-residents, trading into this Province; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.