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The Plantation Duty Act of 1673 was an act of [Parliament](#) ^[2] intended to eliminate the smuggling of articles enumerated in the [Navigation Act of 1660](#) ^[3] and to induce the colonists to export those articles directly to England by allowing them to be traded to other colonies with the payment of the usual English import duty. Colonists in [Albemarle County](#) ^[4], the chief producer and exporter of tobacco-an enumerated article-considered the Plantation Duty Act a threat to their profitable trade with the Massachusetts and Rhode Island colonies and refused to comply. The noncompliance of Albemarle County was one of the factors leading to [Culpeper's Rebellion](#) ^[5], one of the first popular uprisings in the American colonies.

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