

Calvert Papers respect to any Laws made, Manufactures sett up & Trade carried on there, w^{ch} may Affect the Trade, Navigation or Manufactures of this Kingdom; my Lords Comm^{ers} have comānded me to give you this Notice, & to des^{ire} you will immediately upon the receipt hereof, send them the best & most particular Accounts you can, of any Laws made, Manufactures sett up or Trade carried on in the p. 47 Province of Maryland, w^{ch} may in any way affect the Trade, Navigation & Manufactures of this Kingdom, & that you will take it for a constant Rule, to send my Lords Commissioners, annual Returns to these Queries.

William Janssen his Lordship's Secretary to Alured Popple Esq^{re} Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations.

Sir

I am order'd by the Lord Proprietor of Maryland to send you the inclosed, w^{ch} is a short Acc^t of Y^r Province: The extremity of the weather preventing Ships Sailing, hath prevented its being done sooner: His Lordship desires you will lay it before the Lords Com^{rs} of his Maj^{ty's} Plantations.

A Short Account of the Province of Maryland Anno 1732

The number of Inha^{nts} according to the nearest computation that can at present be procured is about 96000, whereof 21000 are Blacks; but it is very difficult, if not impossible, to give an exact Acc^t of the number of white Servants, their times of Servitude daily ending, & others constantly coming into the Province. It is impracticable to give an Acc^t to what Degree, the number of people in general are increas'd or decreas'd within these five years last past, there not being that I can find, any calculation heretofore made, but only of the Taxables.

The Comoditys Exported to Great Britain are Tobacco, a small Quantity of Iron, some Furs, Staves & other Lumber.

There are a few Traders to the W: Indies, the Maderas & Lisbon; the comoditys sent to the places above mention'd, are Grain, Bread, Flower, Beef, Pork & Lumber, & the Comoditys rec^d f^m the W: Indies are Rum, Sugar & Molasses & wine for the Maderas. New England carries on a Trade with this Country & exchanges Rum & Molasses for Grain.

The Inhab^{nts} of y^r Province still supply themselves with what p. 48 Manufactures are needful for them f^m G: Britain only, so far as they can possibly find means to purchase the same, but the exceeding Poverty of the People in general, occasion'd by the low price of Tobacco, hath driven the poor Familys to make some few course Woollens & Linnens, to cloath themselves, without which they must go naked.