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Reading your Paper, Number 52, I find a Gentleman who styles himself *Q. B.* hath undertaken to set forth a Regulation Law for our Staple Commodity Tobacco; but am sorry our Method to bring about such a Law are at present too repugnant: However when the Gentleman has seriously discussed the Point with himself I dare say, he will admit, that he is more mistaken in his Proposals, than he will find me in my Calculation inserted in your Gazette, Number 49, for an Inspecting Law.

In the first Place he tells us, that I supposed 60 Warehouses would be sufficient for this Province: Whereas he says, any one who will give himself Time to think how many great Rivers there are in the Province, would judge not less than 100 to be necessary. In Reply to which I readily make this Answer; That I have already thought, and am as well, or much better, acquainted with the Rivers of this Province than he is, by his (own) Arguments; and am positive, not only from my own Knowledge of the public Landings, but have also made great Enquiry of several Persons who live convenient to know these Rivers, and they all agree that 60 Warehouses are full as many as the Province will have occasion of. He further alleges I am short in my Calculation for building the Houses; whereas I have allowed only 60 *l.* per House: And he can venture to say, no Man will undertake to build a House of the Dimensions I have mentioned, under 80 *l.* And then again, in regard to the Exportation of 36000 Hogheads of Tobacco, he says he is positive Maryland never exceeded that Quantity, if ever it came up to it, in any one Year; therefore his Lordship could not afford to take 2 *s.* 9 *d.* *per* Hoghead to be exported, for his Rents; it not being an Equivalent to what his Lordship now receives.

Now I shall sum up the whole of his Argument, and appeal to any Man whether or not it is consistent with itself. First, he says there must be 100 Warehouses, and these Warehouses must cost 80 *l.* per House, because they are to be of the Dimensions mentioned in the Scheme, Number 49: I then desire he would let us know what is to be done with these 100 Warehouses, which are calculated to hold 70,000 Hogheads of Tobacco; whereas he will not allow Maryland ever exported above 36000 Hogheads in any one Year. If he answers, For Conveniency of Landings, it may reasonably be said that Houses of much less Dimensions would then do as well; and less Houses may be built for less Charge: Also, as they would be so thick situated, two Inspectors might attend two Warehouses; and consequently there would not be 200 for the whole.

Now, without regarding Mr. *Q. B.*'s quibbling and incoherent Argument, I do again say, that 60 Warehouses are sufficient for this Province; and they may be built for 3600 *l.* Currency. To make it obvious to your Readers, that the aforesaid Quantity of Warehouses are sufficient, I have made a due Enquiry of several Gentlemen in the different Counties of this Province, and they have positively told me, the Number of Houses hereafter allowed will be sufficient for each County, and more than there will be need of.

For St. Mary's County 4 Warehouses, Charles County 4, Calvert County 4, Prince George's County 8, Anne Arundel County 8, Baltimore County 7, Cecil County 4, Kent County 4, Queen Anne's County 4, Talbot County 4, Dorchester County 4, Somerset County 4, Worcester County 1: In all 60.

And likewise to convince Mr. *Q. B.* that many of the aforesaid Warehouses may not be so large as I have set forth in Number 49, I shall here mention 20 Landings that would be proper for Warehouses; from which there would be exported at least 20,000 Hogheads of Tobacco in a Year; *viz.* 1<sup>st</sup>, Deer Creek on *Sassaanna*; 2<sup>d</sup>, the Head of *Baby* River; 3<sup>d</sup>, the Fork, or Head of *Gunpowder* River; 4<sup>th</sup>, *Baltimore* Town; 5<sup>th</sup>, *Elk-Ridge* Landing, at the Head of *Patapsco*; 6<sup>th</sup>, *Queen Anne* Town, on *Patenent*; 7<sup>th</sup>, *Upper Marlborough*, on ditto; 8<sup>th</sup>, *Northham*, on ditto; 9<sup>th</sup>, *Lower Marlborough*, on ditto; 10<sup>th</sup>, *Benedict* Town, on ditto; 11<sup>th</sup>, *Rock Creek*, on *Potomack* River; 12<sup>th</sup>, *Bladenburg* Town, on ditto; 13<sup>th</sup>, *Piscataway* Town, on ditto; 14<sup>th</sup>, *Port-Tobacco*, on ditto; 15<sup>th</sup>, *Choptank*; 16<sup>th</sup>, *Chester* Town, on *Chester* River; 17<sup>th</sup>, *Tuckahoe*, at the Head of *Choptank* River; 18<sup>th</sup>, *Oxford* Town; 19<sup>th</sup>, *Cambridge* Town; 20<sup>th</sup>, *Snow-hill*, at the Head of *Pocomoke* River.

The Remainder then will be 16000 Hogheads; which are to be carried to 40 Warehouses; which would be, one with another, 400 Hogheads: So that these Houses may be of less Dimensions considerably than the Houses placed at the above Landings; and therefore may be built for less Money. Having frustrated Mr. *Q. B.*'s groundless Objection, shall now proceed to shew, a Burning Law can't be near so advantageous to Maryland in general, as an Inspecting Law.

Mr. *Q. B.* proposes to mend the Quality of Tobacco, by obliging every taxable Person, that are makers of Tobacco within this Province, to burn 150 *lb.* Tobacco; by which I imagine he intends to prevent Trash being exported. If there was such a Law passed, I can venture to say it would not destroy all the Trash Tobacco that is made, because many Planters make more than 150 *lb.* Trash Tobacco per Taxable. Besides, a Burning Law does not prevent Tobacco being dissorted, false pack'd,