

and Pitch are not to be had here in such Abundance as our Countrymen & Neighbours can furnish we may have as good Honey & Wax as any in the World without any Dismission to our Tobacco Manufacture and I hope you will be thoroughly sensible this generous Indulgence to us and all our Fellow Subjects in America will certainly occasion the Importation of all Necessaries from England of more cheapness than at present the want of which and their extravagant Expence has been and is still very burthenfome and ruinous to the indigent People of this Country.

These truly ^{Royal} endearing & Benefactions must ever strike deep in the Memory of all Loyal good Subjects. Never let it be said Maryland was ungrateful to so good and gracious a Sovereign who does with so much Wisdom Goodness & steady Application endeavour the Prosperity of England and all its Dependancies.

Mr. Speaker, Her Majesty earnestly recommends the erecting Towns & Ports which must certainly render you considerable in a very short Time I presume as to their Number and Situation her Majesty will be advised by you Gentlemen who best know the proper Places for Trade & Business And as the Advantages naturally proceeding from such Improvements are many and for your ^{own} particular Good I hope there is no Occasion to convince reasonable thinking Men of its absolute Necessity nor can I think any Body will obstruct this so noble generous Design but a few Gentlemen at Home who have assiduously endeavoured by a certain Ingrossment to make the Produce of your Land and Industry a sure Monopoly to themselves whereby you can never let the middle & lower Sort of People reap any Thing from a very hard Labour and the Sweat of their Brows but a perpetual Indigency.

Gent. I am obliged in Justice & good Nature to lay before you the growing Evil of protested Bills and with great Friendship recommend it to your best Considerations how that fatal Grievance may be removed. I am obliged to take Notice you make use of a very unparliamentary Practice which is to postpone Matters to the last Eight or ten Hours of your Rising and then Things of very great Consequence are naturally hurried up or so procrastinated that at our next Meeting they are forgot. Witness many of her Majesty's Royal Instructions laid before you Gentlemen at your first sitting down and tho' I heartily desired your Advice & Assistance in a strict Enquiry what became of the Arms and Ammunition of the Province in Time of a foreign War & intestine Disturbances when we last met which seem to threaten us still you did not then think it proper to enquire into a Matter so very necessary for your own safety & Defence.

Give me leave Gentlemen to desire you will now apply yourselves heartily to the Business before you that so pernicious a Thing to all wise Councils may not be brought to a Custom by you Gentlemen Delegates, and then I can never doubt but by calm