

stern Shore of *Chesapeake Bay*; in *Virginia* and *Maryland*, and also on the *Main Land*, innumerable numbers of *Trees* to make *Pitch* and *Tar* of: the Inhabitants make there, for their own occasions; but on the several Branches of *Elizabeth River* in *Virginia*, *Pitch* and *Tar* are some of their *Staple Commodities*, and more wou'd every where be made, if they had a good *Market* for it.

Resin.

Monsieur Bernoon and others

4. *Resin*, There may enough be made in those Colonies, to supply *England*, and her Neighbours: about Four Years ago, some *French* Protestants made *Resin*, not far from *Boston*, at their own Plantations, and Shipp'd about Two Tuns to try the *Market* in *England*: it was approv'd of to be as good as any ever brought from *France*; but the charge of *Necessaries* to begin the *Work*, and the high *Freight* this *War* time, made them losers, and at present stopt their further *Undertakings*.

Hemp and Flax.

5. *Hemp* and *Flax*, grow very kindly, very large, and very plentifully in all the Plantations; some Colonies have *Laws* obliging them to sow yearly a quantity of *Hemp* and *Flax* Seed, according to the number of their *Servants*: They have in *Road Island* more than they have use for, and sell it to their Neighbours: I have seen as good dress'd bright *Flax*, brought from thence to *Boston*, as I have seen in *England*: they use their *Hemp* for *Linnen* and *Cordage*, but Sow not much for want of *Servants*.

Salt-Petre.

6. *Salt-Petre*, Some sorts of the materials for making it, are found almost every where in His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations on the *Continent of America*: The Rocks nigh the *Shore*, in some parts of *New-England*, are covered very thick with the *Dung* of *Sea-Fowl*; and in the *Woods* where wild *Pidgeons* take their constant stand, not far from Plantations, the *Ground* is 3 or 4 Foot thick of their *Dung*: As also the *Floors* of old *Tobacco Houses*, in *Virginia* and *Maryland*. The *Earth* likewise on the *Bank* sides of some of the great *Rivers* in *Virginia*, above 60 miles from the *Salt water*, is naturally very *Salt*, insomuch, that 'tis furrow'd very deep in some places, by the *Tongues* of *Wild Beasts*, which come continually to lick it. About 10 or 12 years ago, *Dr. Daniel Cox*, (then one of the *Proprietors* of *West Jersey*) sent *Capt. d'Broy* a *French Man*, to make *Salt-Petre* in that *Province*; he made some, but the *Doctor's* Agent failing to supply *d'Broy* with *Money*, he left off, and the *Work* was ruin'd; He told me there was plenty of materials in those *Countries*, and desir'd me to recommend him to *Sir Edmond Andros*, to be employ'd to make *Salt-Petre*; but falling into a *Trade* with the *Indians* for *Furs*, he is now settled on the *South Shore* of *Delaware Bay*.

There are *Islands* to the *Eastward* of *Cape Florida*, called the *Bahama Islands*, in possession of the *Subjects* of the *Crown of England*: which have *Salt* enough to supply *England*: I do not question if some sober well experienc'd *Persons* were employ'd in the *Search*, they wou'd find the materials, from whence *Salt Petre* is produc'd, in a great many places.

It is Humbly propos'd, that the great *Timber* fit for His Majesty's *Service* growing upon His Majesty's *Land* not dispos'd of nigh the *Navigable Rivers*, in *Virginia* and *Maryland*, be preserv'd from *Waste*.

The following Copy of an *Address* from the *Governor* and *Assembly* in *Maryland*, in Answer to a *Letter* from Her late *Sacred Majesty*, is a *Voucher* of what I have here Represented.

To the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations.

The Humble Address of Their Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, &c.

May it Please your Lordships,

WE had a Proposition laid before us, wherein it was Required, what quantities of *Pitch*, *Tarr*, *Masts*, *Hemp*, *Pipe-staves* and other things fit for His Majesty's *Navy*, may be, by this *Province* afford'd. Now, we give your Lordships to understand, that this *Country* may yield great quantities of *Hemp*, *Flax*, *Pitch*, *Tarr*, *Masts*, *Tards*, *Pipe-staves*, *Barrel-staves*, *Knees*, *Standards*, *Plank*, and other *Materials* for *Shipping*: Yet because we have not had any certain *Market* for such *Commodities*, therefore we have not so generally apply'd to the *procuring* of them; but if it be acceptable to His Majesty, to have His *Navy* supply'd out of His *Dominions* in *America*, this *Province* may be very serviceable in *Affairs* of this *Nature*, if your Lordships please to give us one years notice to prepare, and please to propose to us such *Methods* of *Dealing*, and of *Payment*, and such *Prizes* of every particular *Commodity*, as may encourage us to employ our *Servants*, in part to that purpose, and shall also please to particularize the *Commodities*, and the *Quantities*, and what *Prizes* we may expect for the same.

St. Marys in Maryland,
Octob. 21. 1694.

Henry Denton Cl. C.

Mr. Chandler's Paper
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