

by the Articles of double Freight, Insurance, Shipping Charges, the Merchant-Importer's Commission, the *English* Tradesman's Profit, the Merchant Exporter's Commission, and Subsidies retain'd. If the Colonies were not restrain'd from directly importing foreign Commodities, they would, it is presum'd, pay less for them, even by 50 per Cent, than they do at present.

It hath been already observ'd, that there are shipped from *Virginia* and *Maryland*, annually, at an Average, about 90,000 Hogsheads of Tobacco, 60,000 of which, or upwards, are re-exported from *Great-Britain*, to foreign Markets; but they pay to *Great-Britain*, for the Reasons above explain'd, 3*l.* per Hogshead, *i. e.* the Sum of 3*l.* upon each Hogshead might be saved if the Tobacco might be *immediately* and *distributively* sent to the respective Markets, in Proportion to their Demands; and an equal Sum is paid also to *Great-Britain*, upon the same Rule of Computation, *i. e.* that these Colonies pay what they might save, if not restrain'd. For, tho' the *English* Manufacturer gets the Tobacco he wants, without the double Freight, &c. yet he has the Advantage of the Glut, and an Opportunity of buying it as cheap, as it is sold in *Great-Britain* for the foreign Markets, before the Charges of double Freight, &c. are incurred, and therefore the Planter gets no more for his Tobacco sold for *Home*, than that which is sold for *Foreign* Consumption, and consequently pays as much for it. For there is great Reason to imagine, that if these Colonies were at Liberty to send their Tobacco *immediately* where they pleas'd, the Market in *England* wou'd be as profitable as those of *France*, *Holland*, &c.—But when the Tobacco, under the present Regulation, is purchased for Re-Exportation, the Purchaser undoubtedly considers the Expence he is to be at, before it gets to the foreign Market, as Part of the Price of the Commodity, and therefore lowers his Price to the Merchant in Proportion.

The above Sum of 3 <i>l.</i> for each Hogshead, makes	£. 270,000 : 00 : 0
The Amount of the sundry Impositions and Restrictions before mentioned, brought forward, -	916,666 : 13 : 4
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Total Amount of Taxes to <i>Great-Britain</i> - - -	1,186,666 : 13 : 4
Besides the above Amount of Taxes paid to the Mother-Country, the Colonies in <i>North-America</i> support their own Civil Establishments, and pay Quit-Rents to the Crown and Proprietaries, to the Amount (supposing 600,000 Taxables, at the moderate Rate of 15 <i>s.</i> each) of - - -	450,000 : 00 : 0
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Total Amount of Taxes paid to our Mother-Country, and the Support of our Civil Establishment, annually,	1,636,666 : 13 : 4

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