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home, Wee shall gett a good supply of Cloathing Armes & Ammunition for the next Crop, w^{ch} will bee uented before the other American Plantaōns can plant any Tob. This wee thinke sufficient to satisfy reasonable men, but if this satisfy not, wee are ready att a Conference to giue more reasons, then can conueniently bee written att this time.

2. Did wee not see, th^t the greatest part of the world is to little for the English merchants shipping & seamen: & soe much to little that they haue in a manner forced the King by their the Dutch, to make roome for them to beene of some weight. But th^t convincing cient security, yo^u shall never want a Comodity worth fetching. But to 'tis not the shippings barely comming but their importaōn of goods, to Thows^d hogsheds of Tob. out the Trade one yeare wee shall, wee m turing goods hither to purchase & necessaries for it. W^{ch} if wee wee shall neuer haue. And if wee yeares Crop, now ready to syre shipping, then to carry bee sent by those, whose subsistance Trade Tob, when they know before hand, the can haue none the next yeare following. If merchants trading this way doe settle their Trades in other parts It will bee noe Calamity, Since England can afford others th^t are not acquainted wth the wayes of grinding the face of the poore, used by some now: w^{ch} hard usage hath reduced allready the poorer sort of poeple of this Prouince, to a Condiōn little better then that Pagan & saluage manner of lyuing, w^{ch} yo^r selues seeme to feare from a Cessaōn.

3. The third reason is fownded uppon stealing his Maiesties Customes by Seamen, & were not worth the answering; but th^t perhaps some men might thinke there is more weight in it, to sway a Mans iudgm^t agst a Cessaōn from planting Tob. for a yeare, then in truth it doth. Wherefore Wee will giue you not graunt yo^u th^t seamen will not come for any other Comodity but Tobacco, & therefore assure yo^u, That wee will not plant soe much Tob, or soe long 'till it shall bee worth nothing to them, nor us. And wee doe conceaue the Lower howse cannot in prudence thinke it fitt, to have the Province plant Tob, meerely to haue the Seamens company, euen now when the Planter short our designe is to advance the price of Tob. fetching. & th^t yo^r selues say, will inuite the when there is none wee need them nott. men goe? Not to Virginia because there American Plantaōns because yo^r selues say ptible as Tob. And wee haue demonstra- making th^t perishable Drug Tob. must of neces- sity stay here, & if p^rmitted his wants, & hauing nothing to better furnished, Neyther doth ure of the ffree-