

Trade or the Invasion of our Enemys for want of Arms & Ammunition now not to be purchased by Tob<sup>o</sup> though We have vast Quantities lying by Us the Guilt lyes at your Doors & lastly tell You it is your selves in Person & not Answers in paper that We expect from You

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J: G:

Ordered that the Act for Encouragem<sup>t</sup> of Trade & the Act for advance of more staple Commodities than Tobacco be sent to the Lower House again & that if they Consent not to it that they send their particular reasons why they disassent

J G:

The House Adjourned for two hours

The House met again Present as before

Then was sent an Act touching payment of Debts in the Year 1667 Ordered that a Member of this House go to the Lower, with this Act & read it to them & desire them to Consider of it

Then came a Member from the Lower House with their Reasons against a Cessation which is as followeth & ordered a Reply be drawn to them

The Reasons of the Lower House why  
they think a Cessation from planting  
Tobacco to be Unnecessary in this Province

We Conceive our Cessation will rather Encrease than lessen the quantity of Tobacco for it will Encourage the People of those parts to plant Tobacco where now there is little or none made, and the rather because other American Plantations are in the same State & plight as We are as to their Commodities which by reason of the Want & supply of Shipping their Commodities usually planted as Sugar Ginger Cotton & Indico are now as contemptible as Tobacco can possibly be And should We now conclude to make a Cessation they would undoubtedly fall upon planting Tobacco their Lands being more proper for its production & will yearly produce not only one Crop but most commonly two & sometimes three Crops, so that their Abundance will render our Cessation in this Province ineffectual & thereby We lose the main End of a Cessation as to advance our Commodity Tobacco which by that Occasion We judge will never the more for our Cessation be advanced unless a total Cessation in all his Majesty's Plantations in America be Enforced & therefore We judge a Cessation in this Province unnecessary & ineffectual

2 A Cessation shall discourage Merchants from sending Ships to these Parts We not having the Commodity which they chiefly seek for here nor any probability or hopes in any