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reasonable time to produce other Manufactures for their Encouragement to visitt this Province & supply Us with such Necessarys as We from time to time shall want So that by the means of a Cessation in Maryland & Virginia our Trade will be for a long time obstructed, Merchants usually trading this Way will settle their Trade in other parts, And We shall thereby in all probability be wholly deserted by Shipping, our Country ruined, Ourselves Wives & Children Exposed to little better than a Pagan & Salvage manner of living

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3 Seamen shall not be got to come for these parts for any other Commodity than Tobacco, in regard it pays a great Custom, an Excise & freight which commonly Seamen save & put into their Purses which is their only Invitation to these parts, their Employment when they arrive here being so very much slavish is well Compensated by the Gain they have by Tobacco, the which other Commoditys will never afford them

Therefore they will decline this trade which will be a great Occasion to deterr Merchants from the Trade of these parts also

4. A Cessation shall invite or rather Constrain all Freemen or the greatest part of them to go out of this Province, & seek out these parts where they may freely make use of their Labours without Restraint by which means this Province will be in danger of Depopulation & young Freemen being the greatest Strength of this Province their Departure from hence will very much weaken us & render us a Prey to our salvage Enemys

5 The Quantity of Tobacco doth not lessen the Price here but the want of Ships to fetch it away which are not to be exported till the Lord pleaseth to remove the Scourges of War & Pestilence from our native Nation of England which War & pestilence is the only principal Cause not only of the Contemptibleness of our principal Commodity tobacco at present but of all other Commoditys in America of what nature or kind soever

The af^d Reasons being well weighed & Considered We hope will give plenary Satisfaction to the Upper House & to all good men & unbyassed Persons

W^m Bretton

The House Adjourned for half an hour

The House met again Present as before

Then went a Member of this House to the Lower to tell them that the reply to their Reasons against the Cessation will be too late for the Clerk to copy over to night for the Lower House's Perusal, therefore ordered that it be fair written & sent in the morning

J G:

The House Adjourned till nine of the Clock in the Morning