

My Lords this is most true yett if yo^r Lo^{pps} but please to looke back into the reason of it, you will then find That those times had the Advantages that the present or future cannot hope for; All the rest of his Ma^{ties} Plantations then made Tobacco as well as Virginia and Maryland which made the Quantitie (as now) Exceed the Consumption, and that brought it to the same Ebbe, other places finding Ruine, Knocking at their Doores tymely and most prudently left it off, and by the Advantage of the Creditt the London Merchants gave them vent upon more profitable and usefull Comodities, and Left that Unhappie Weede to Virginia and Maryland, that became the only Marts for that Comodity, their Leaving it off (My Lords) with the hope of sweet sented Tobacco that then bore a price, planted but by a few, gave the People for a time a Competent Subsistance, But now (My Lords) the Number of the Makers is soe increased by yearely Transportations That peculiar sort grown so Comon by the generall planting it that all kind of Tobaccos is as very a Drugg as ever, and soe like to Continue, unless it finds some Regulation from yo^r Lo^{pps} wisdomes since all wayes have beene Experimented both there to mend the Quallity and here to give it what vent forreigne places could receive, yet all Endeav^{rs} have proved soe ineffec-
tull that it is found cheaper in all places than where produced.

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But since yo^r Lo^{pps} have Commanded us to propose what wee thought might give Life to this dying Country, Wee in the first place p^rsent to yo^r Lo^{pps} Consideracōn and Directions, That some way may be thought on for the setting upon Silke, fflax, transporting Masts making Iron Pitch, and Pott Ashes, of all which the Country is most Capable though the Planter by his great Poverty not in a Condition to attempt, they indeed being Workers for publique purses (not for private) to undertake, If any such practicall Expedient can bee found, It will divert many from planting and soe Lessen the Quantity, double to his Ma^{ties} Customs in Staple Comodities, what is taken off from this worth nothing, Keepe great and Considerable Sums within his Dominions which yearely goes out for theis Comodities, and his Majesty will bee furnisht with many necessaries for his Navy of his owne growth at home att a farr cheaper Rate than hee has them now aboard from his Neighbours.

Next wee humbly propose, That the tyme may bee Regulated for the Shippes coming together from those parts, This att Least will bring Security, and may make that harmless Experiment whether or noe that great advance will accrew to the Comodities, as many Knowing Men most confidently affirme.

Lastly, That the stint of dayes (soe much desired by his Ma^{ties} Governo^r soe generally approved by his Ma^{ties} Country)