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sheep, nor other means for dung to make them. 2. the plants so produced by force are not halfe so kindly and sound as the others. 3. why should the people in Maryland who are nere as many as are in Virginia be put upon that disadvantage of a work of that trouble and charge, when there is no reason for it but a benefitt to redound to others. 3. if they in Maryland may make hott bedds to hasten their plants three weeks sooner so may they in Virginia too; and so the disadvantage of clime will be still the same, and the stint day of no effect for the lessening of the quantity of Tobacco. 4. He can make it appeare to your Lordships by some Planters of Maryland, now in England, who have had experience of both Colonies that there is three weeks difference between some parts of Virginia, and some parts of Maryland in the seasons for planting of Tobacco and that the reason thereof is the difference of the latitude, which witnesses he humbly desires may be heard before any Order be made in this business, if your Lordships be not satisfied with the reasons aforesayd.

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At the Court at Whitehall  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 1664

Present.

The Kings Most Excellent Majesty.  
The Arch. Bish: of Canterb: Earl of Bathe  
Lord Treasurer Earl of Lauderdale  
Lord Privy Seale Lord Bish: of London  
Duke of Buckingham Lord Wentworth  
Duke of Ormond Lord Berkley  
Lord Great Chamberlain Lord Ashley  
Earl of Berkshire M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Bennet  
Earl of Anglesey S<sup>r</sup> Edward Nicholas.

Whereas a Petition was presented to his Majesty by Colonell Moryson Agent for the Colony of Virginia in the Name of the Governor, Councill and Burgesses there giving an Account of their proceedings upon his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Instructions for Commissioners to be nominated for the Plantacōns of Virginia, and Maryland to meet and hear of the most convenient way of lessening the Quantity of Tobacco in those Plantacōns which being read at the board it was ordered the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August last that the Lord Baltmore, Lord and Proprietary of Maryland, should have a Copy of the said peticōn, and both Partyes be heard at the Board the first Councill day after Michaelmas, and accordingly upon the 5<sup>th</sup> of October the said business was resumed, and after hearing the debates on both sides their Lo<sup>ps</sup> did then order that the Lord Baltmore, Colonel Moryson, S<sup>r</sup> Henry Chicheley Knight Edward Digg's and Iohn Ieffreys Esq<sup>rs</sup> and