

others concerned in the Colony of Virginia should meet to consider of, and frame an Agreement between themselves, and that if they could not joyfully agree thereupon then each party to draw up distinct Proposals, and deliver them to the Board, that the Lords Committees of Plantacōns might be desired to meet, and consider thereof, and Report their opinions to his Majesty whereupon no agreement being settled between them, the said Colonell Moryson, Sr Henry Chicheley, Edward Digg's, and John Jeffreys did upon the 16th present deliver in Proposals which they conceived conducible to the good of Virginia, and the Lords Committees taking the same into serious Consideracōn on the 19th Instant, and having fully heard the Lord Baltmore, and Sr Henry Chicheley, Colonell Moryson, Mr Diggs, and Mr Jeffreys, touching the said Proposals, and consulted with the Farmers of his Ma^{ties} Customs thereupon their Lo^{pps} thought fitt humbly to represent to his Majesty.

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1. First. That the Proposall touching a cessation, stint or limitation of planting Tobacco in the said Plantacōns is inconvenient both to the Planters and to his Ma^{ties} Customes.

2. That the proposall for limiting a time for Ships to return from Virginia or Maryland will be prejudicial both to the Planters and his Ma^{ties} Customes.

3. For encouragement of Planters in the said Colonies to apply themselves to the Planting other Comodities which may be of more benefit than Tobacco, his Ma^{ty} would be pleased to permit that all the Hemp, Pitch and Tarr of the growth, Production or Manufacture of Virginia and Maryland, which should be brought into this Kingdome, for the space of 5 years from the date hereof might be Custome ffree. Which report being read at the Board his Ma^{ty} present in Councill, and concurring in all particulars with the Lords of the said committee did order that there should be noe cessacōn, stint or limitation imposed on the planting Tobacco in Virginia, or Maryland, nor any time limited for ships to come from either of those Plantacōns but every trader thither to be ffree to return theme at his own time, and as his occasions should serve, and his Ma^{ty} of his Princely grace and favour being desirous to give all encouragement to the Planters of both Colonies, did direct that the Right Hon^{ble} the Earl of Southampton Lord High Treasurer of England, and Lord Ashley Chancellor, and under Treasurer of the Exchequer, should give directions to the Officers, and ffarmers of his Majesties Customes for the time being to permitt, and suffer all the hemp, Pitch and Tarr, of the growth, production and Manufacture of the said Plantacōns of Virginia and Maryland, that shall be brought into the Kingdome during the space of five years from the date hereof to be freely imported, and unladed without demanding or receiving any Cus-