

P. R. O. to any penaltyes whatsoever for their soe doing Provyded the
 Colonial civill peace were preserved And that for the securing the civill
 Papers. peace and preventing all heats Feuds which were generally
 B. B. observed to happen amongst such as differ in oppynions upon
 Occasion of Reproachfull Nicknames and Reflecting upon
 each Others Oppynions It might by the same Lawe be made
 Penall to give any Offence in that kynde these were the
 condicōns proposed by such as were willing to goe and be the
 first planters of this Provynce and without the complying with
 these condicōns in all probability This Provynce had never
 beene planted. To these condicōns my ffather agreed and
 accordingly soone after the first planteing of this Provynce
 these conditions by the unanimous consent of all who were
 concerned were passed into a Lawe and the Inhabitants of
 this Provynce have found such effects from this Lawe and
 from the strict observance of it as well in relation to their
 Quiett as in Relation to the farther peopleing of this Provynce
 That they looke on it as that whereon alone depends the
 preservation of their Peace Their Propertyes and their Libertyes
 This beeing the true state of the case of this Provynce it is
 easy to Iudge what consequencyes might ensue upon any
 scrutinyes which should be made In Order to the satisfyeing
 their particular Inquiries./

To the 16: 17 & 21: I cann give no particular answer only
 in Generall All the Planters in Generall affects the style of
 Marchants because they all sell Tobacco And their cheife
 Estates consists in the numbers of Their Servants who serve
 generally but for five or six yeares and then become Planters
 and call themselves Merchants but generally they are poore
 Their comodity (which is only Tobacco) not selling for more
 then One Penny p pound weight. Touching the numbers of
 Masters or Servants I cann give no probable guess nor of the
 numbers Imported for any tyme certayne only those that doe
 come are generally English or Irish and very rarely any one of
 any other Nation./

To the: 22: No certayne Answer cann be given here. Nor
 is any certayne Answer to be given of the number of Vessels
 Tradeing Thither the same beeing very uncertayne as also
 their Burthens only that there are not any of the Built of this
 Provynce and generally all vessells comēing thither (except
 some few small Vessells which sometymes come from New
 England or some Other of our English platacōns) come from
 England and retorne thither againe soe that the only certayne
 course to knowe numbers Qualityes and Burthens Is by an
 Enquiry at the severall Ports of England where entryes are
 made of them./

To the 23: & : 24: I Answer that the greatest Obstruction
 of the Trade of this Provynce is what the late Acts of Parlia-