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the yeare) utterly disowned & quashed to our & their owne extreme disadvantage, and a cessacōn from planting propos'd as a better and more equall way of removing these pressing necessities & inconveniences which our unrestrained planting had brought upon us & them, but as if th' proposition had been only intended as a meanes to preserve them from being thought contumaciously disobedient to yo^r Royall Comānds and alto-gether wanting to their owne preservacōn, & not to be really concluded on & effectually excused it was by them soone lay'd by, & forgotten till the Governo^r and Councell of this colony grieved for ourselves and them, from the contemplacōn of our mutuall unhappinesse occasioned by their obstinacy, w^{ch} preventing our better managem^t of the richest Commodity in the world (once every yeare in our owne hands) did evidently threaten both us and them wth extreme poverty, if not with utter ruine, resolved that we might be wanting neither in obedience to yo^r Ma^{ties} Royall Commands, nor to our owne nor their interest) to sollicite them again very earnestly to consider of theires & o^r owne present condicōn involved in mysteries & Calamities & for their redresse to yield & to conclude of a totall cessacōn from Planting one whole yeare, that by our experience of that remedy, wee might for the future, bee the better able to judge of w^t might bee more effectuell for our mutuall advantage, to w^{ch} end frequent messages were sent from the Governo^r & severall of the Councell of this Colony to those of Maryland & answers return'd but so ineffectuall that the Governo^r (to prevent so much as in him lay) our & theires still increasing & more threatening misfortunes tooke a resolution to goe in person to Maryland & accordingly accompanied by some of the Councell hee did in the depth of winter to the very great hazard of his health performe that journey, & in it dealt so effectually with the Lieut. Gen^l of that Province, & others of the most understanding persons of that Governem^t by representing to their consideracōn both their very great advantage & certaine ruine, depending upon their well or ill managem^t of themselves & intereste, that they promised & concluded to do their utmost in their next Assembly to have a cessacōn confirmed by a Lawe for one yeare & were so just to themselves & us that by their meanes at an Assembly held in that Province on the 10th of April 1666 there passed an Act Entituled an Act for encouragem^t of Trade, whereby it was prohibited to all or any person or persons within the s^d Province to plant any Tobacco in the yeare 1667, provided the Assemblies of Virg^a or Carolina made the like Act, & amongst other things in the s^d Act contained, certaine Commiss^{rs} were therein nominated & impowered to meete & treat with other Comm^{rs} to bee chosen & impowered by the respective Assemblies of Virg^a & Carolina of the best & most effectuell meanes