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Creditors have chosen to shelter themselves amongst the Inhabitants of the Lower Counties on Delaware bay & of Carolina & indeed the low price with the planter hath of late bin constrained to accept of from the merchant hath obliged many here (finding their Industry would not supply their necessities) to try their fortunes else where to the apparent and Considerable diminucōn of the number of our Inhabitants Compared with preceding yeares & lists.

9. Generally all the Inhabitants of this province being Labourers are imployed in planting tobacco except Coopers Carpenters some few that navigate sloopes and a very small number of other Artificers having relacōn to Tobacco all which excepted (by Estimacōn) make not above the 60th part of such labourers.

7. ffrom this province to England is exported tobacco except an inconsiderable quantity of ffurrs and Sasafrax roots.

8. This province hath little traffick with any other his Ma^{ty}s Colonys in America or else where, and the litle traffick which is vsed is by exporting hence porke beife pipe staves timber and such like together with wheat ffLOUR & some small quantities of tobacco to Barbadoes either by small Craft belonging to this province or new England who trade here for Rum sugar & malasses most especially & some parcells of fish & some (inconsiderable) wooden wares of their owne manufacture & this province hath noe supply of any woolen manufacture else where but from England except that of the native wool of this province our necessity hath taught vs to make some course stockings & clothings for servants and slaves &c.

p. 37 9. The trade of this province Ebbs & flowes according to the rise or fall of tobacco in the market of England but yet it is manifest & apparent that universally less Cropps are made of late than formerly that is to say of tobacco for that the most & best land for that purpose is cleared & worne out which indeed thereby becomes fitter for tillage & the late greivous losses sustcyned by the death of Cattle hath sufficiently cautioned the Inhabitants by Tillage to make better provision against the late vnvsuall hard winters and to plant less tobacco, and especially the Country is in want of servants & negroes.

10. The present methods to prevent illegall trade is dilligent search & inquiry after illegall traders & present & impartiall Justice done vpon them when found according to the strictnesse of law tho it be to the disadvantage of this only province such traders as wee suppose finding a more remisse prosecucōn in our neighbouring Collonyes soe that wee beleive them all discouraged from frequenting this province.