

Lib. H. D. ing and improving his Plantations in America & else where We have thought fit to acquaint you that it is his Ma^{ts} pleasure and Express Comānd that the Govern^{rs} of all his fforreign Plantations doe from time to time; give unto Us frequent and full Information of the State and Condition of their respective Governm^{ts} and plantations, as well with the Regard to Adm^{rcon} of the Governm^t and Justice in those places, as in relation to the Comēce thereof; and more particularly that the s^d Govern^{rs} transmit unto Us yearly Acco^{ts} of their s^d Adm^{rcon} by way of Journall; together with the Acts of the Assemblys in the respective Plantations; and Exact Accounts of all money given for publick vses, and how the Same is from time to time expended or laid out; All w^{ch} things you are therefore accordingly to observe in relacōn to the Province of Maryland comitted to yo^r Charge.

Particularly We desire and Require you, by the ffirst opportunity to send us a Compleat list of the Names of the present Councill of that Province, and together with that, a further List of the Names and Characters of such persons as you think proper to Supply the Vacancies that may happen either in the Councill or any other Office wherein they are to be confirmed by his Ma^{ts} approbation.

2. And further We desire you to inform Us by the ffirst opportunity what Number of Inhabitants there are within that whole Province. What of ffreemen And what of Servants; White and Black.

3. How are those Numbers increased or decreased, since yo^r Entrance upon th^t Governm^t Or since the last Estimate that you understand to have been made of them.

4: ffrom whence are any New Inhabitants come into that Province or to what places are they Removed, Particularly, whether to, or from Pensilvania.

5: What is the whole number of the Militia of that Province.

6: What proportion of the Inhabitants are employed in Planting of Tobacco, And what proportion in any other way, and particularly what way.

7: What Commodities are Exported from that Province to England besides Tob^o

8: What Trade is there either by Exportacōn or importation, with any other place; And from whence is that Province now ffurnished with Supplyes particularly of any Manufactures th^t it was wont to be furnished withall from England.

9: How is the Trade of th^t Province increased or decay'd of late years; and what has been the Reason of such increase or decay.

10: What are the p^rsent methods used to prevent illegal Trade. And what further methods doe you think adviseable for that purpose.