

Lib. H. D. Subjects, & sent in a time of greater uncertainty by reason of the War, we herewithal send you a duplicate of it.

The Letters we have lately rec<sup>d</sup> from you are dated the 13<sup>th</sup> of July & 31<sup>st</sup> of August last together with one to the Lords of his Majesties Privy Council, dated the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, w<sup>ch</sup> by their Lordships Order has been transmitted to us.

The last of your forementioned Letters to us, about the sending the Fleets & Convoys, and all you write on the same Subject, in the former of them, is fully answered by the happy conclusion of the Peace; which setting the Trade open, and the Merchants (as we are informed) having had very good Marketts for their Tobacco, there is no doubt now but your Crop will be fetched away in due season. We hope also the Merchants will now supply you w<sup>th</sup> such plenty of Manufactured Goods and so cheap from hence th<sup>t</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> people will have no incouragement to go on in making them there (as you say they were too much inclined) but instead thereof apply themselves more industriously to planting. However your observations and advices to us upon that Subject; and yo<sup>r</sup> endeavours to promote what is apparently the true interest of England therein will be always very acceptable.

We have perused all the Journals & other publick papers that you have sent us, and shall make use thereof, either in Directions to your selfe, or in anything here for the service of th<sup>t</sup> Province as occasion offers. But the Laws of that Province are yet all of them in the hands of his Majesties Attorney General. For tho we writ in our last that we had received back some of them yet we have been obliged to return them again to him, for a full report upon the whole. And this suspence doubt & perplexity, th<sup>t</sup> remains still in those Laws, obliges us again to remind you of all we have already writt upon that Subject and desire that it be observed.

There is one of those laws imposing a duty of Ten p Cent. upon European Comodities exported out of Maryland, concerning w<sup>ch</sup> we have had many complaints made to us by M<sup>r</sup> Penn & other concerned in Pensilvania not only as injurious to them, but in consequence as a burden & obstruction put upon the exportation of Goods from hence; unto w<sup>ch</sup> complaints we have still deferred answering in expectation to have the Law it selfe under our consideration. But this unavoidable suspence in the General Examination of those Laws making it fit that you be informed in the mean while of those objections against this in particular we herewithall send you a Copy of a paper that has lately been delivered to us upon th<sup>t</sup> Subject w<sup>ch</sup> seems by the Style of it to have been something sent from Pensilvania to your selfe. But whether that be so or no we must add; That the Reasons contained in it