

allowed the benefit of their old Customs, t'will be in vain for me to prosecute illegall Traders, and forfeited Bonds &c as also to endeavour to new modell the Countrey, whether in Church or State. P. R. O.
Maryland, 9.

With most humble submission to your Lordships great Judgements, I humbly propose that his Majesty would be graciously pleased to grant an Act of pardon to his Subjects of this his Province. For it having but lately been under his Majesty's immediate Government (the former having been very loose) severall, have been guilty of Crimes and misdemeanors which they generally pretend is not out of disobedience to his Majesty's Laws and Government, but that they were not used to them before: And therefore they are in hopes that his Majesty (according to his wonted goodness and Clemency) will forgive their Crimes and misdemeanours.

Here are two women under the Sentence of death, and N^o 9 are the Abstracts of their condemnations; and they are thought to be objects of his Majesty's mercy.

I now send to Your Lordships the Collectors, and Naval Officers Lists of Ships. N^o 10 is the particular Acco^t of them. The Assembly's not sitting this month, and having so lately received your Lordships Commands and the passage over the Bay being very difficult I could not have them sworne before my self and Councill And George Layfield Esq^r his Majesty's Collector of Pokomoke sent me word that a great fitt of Sickness had hindred him from sending his, And by these Lists Your Lordships may please to see the increase and decrease of the Trade of this his Majesty's province mostly depending upon the plenty or scarcity of Tobacco, which by the coldness of later years, visibly decreaseth: For a great many very good planters do not make two thousand pounds of Tobacco a year for a Man; whereas formerly four thousand a man was looked on an ordinary Crop.

It hath pleased God that this winter hath been the longest that hath been known in the memory of man, for it began about the middle of November, and little Signe of any spring yet. It was very uncertain weather; severall frosts and snows, one of which was the greatest that hath been knowne.

These extraordinary accidents make the Planter conclude that he shall at last be forced to leave off planting Tobacco, or at least imploy more of his time in provideing for the necessaryes of his Family by reason that his Stocks &c must be a great deal better looked after in providing of them Fodder &c for they formerly took little care of them.

This very long and unseasonable winter is supposed to have spoiled or very much damnified a great deal of the