

P. R. O. Tobacco's and is a great hindrance to the ensuing Crop. It also very much retarded the Fleet's loading, and N^o 11 are Copies of severall proceedings thereon, in one of which it is most humbly represented to Your Lordships to intercede with his Majesty that a particular Convoy may be appointed for this province.

I herewith humbly transmit to Your Lordships the Duplicate of a letter from his Majesty's Council and the House of Burgesses to the Right Honourable the Lords of the late Committee for Trade, together with a Duplicate of the Adresse and Association of my self, his Majesty's Council and Burgesses in a Generall Assembly, which we did our selves the honour to signe. The same adresse and Association is signed by the Provincial Iustices, and Grand Jury, as also by the Iustices and Grand Jurys of each County, and the Field officers. Commission and Non Commission officers have signed it too. With these are the Duplicates of two other Addresses to the King's Most Excellent Majesty from myself, the Council and Burgesses in a Generall Assembly, all which I humbly presume to send Your Lordships in N^o 12.

And I am an humble Supplicant to Your Lordships that you would be pleased to give directions about their being humbly presented to the King's Most Excellent Majesty; for I have an Account that the Originalls very unfortunately miscarried, the ship in which they were being taken.

I now also send Your Lordships the Duplicate of my Letter to the Right Honourable the late Committee for Trade &c so most humbly begging your Lordships pardon for this prolix Letter, in which I have endeavoured according to your Lordships Commands, to give you an Account of this his Majesty's province. But thô I have presumed to trouble your Lordships with a very long one, I am too sensible how far short it comes of giving your Lordships such an idea of the state of this Countrey, as I could have wished my self able to give, and as your Lordships might very justly expect from me.

All that I shall offer to Your Lordships in its defence is only this, that I hope I may be bold to say, what it wants in the stile, is made up in the sincerity and truth of it. And (God willing) by the next safe opportunity, the rest of Your Lordships Commands shall be answered with all possible care and fidelity, by him who most humbly begs leave to have the honour of subscribing himself

Your Lordships most obedient
and faithfull humble Servant
Fr: Nicholson.

Maryland. Port
Annapolis. March
27th 1607.