

Lib. X. direction give an Order for so much money as is to be paid him on the Treasurer of the Western or Eastern Shore out of the 3^d p hhd for Arms &c.

At a Council held in the Council Chamber at the City of Annapolis on friday the third day of May in the twelfth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King In the eleventh year of his Lordship the Lord Proprietarys Dominion &c Annoq Dni 1726

Were Present

The honble Charles Calvert Esq^r Governor

the honble	{	Col ^o William Holland Philemon Loyd Esq ^r Col ^o Richard Tilghman Col ^o M. T. Ward Benjamin Tasker & Nicholas Lowe Esq ^{rs}	}
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His Excellency delivers to this Board an answer from the Gov^r and Council of Virginia to their Letter lately sent to them which Answer is as follows

Williamsburgh May 27th 1726

Gentlemen

It was with much Satisfaction that we received yesterday the Honour of your Letter of the 21st Instant which brought us the Agreeable Account of the disposition of your Province to Enter into Measures for Improving that Trade by which both Governments subsists

We are very Sensible that the fall of the Value of Tobacco in Great Britain has been too much owing to the want of a Good Understanding between the two Tobacco Plantations and their mutual Endeavours to Amend the Quality and advance the Value of our Staple Commodity and shall be glad if the measures we have taken here for that purpose prove agreeable to the Circumstances and Inclinations of the People of your Province

But as we have now under Consideration a Bill which we Judge of Consequence to keep up the Price of Tobacco in the European Markets and which hath not yet had its Progress through the Lower House of Assembly (as we hope it will) we must defer giving you a further Answer till the Conclusion of this Sessions which is expected next week and then we shall not fail to Transmit to you Copys of the