

C. P. proposed, rejected by the Lower House. It were Needless as well as tedious, to trouble you with the Grounds or reasons for those Amendments insisted on by the Upper House and rejected by the Lower; since it would of Necessity lead me into the Detail of the Country affairs in Generall, as well in relation to the Publick as to the private Interests thereof, in Various matters of trade and property, the which not being necessary for the present I shall omit. I shall only therefore observe to you, on the first Amendment proposed, and which I Insisted on as a Sine qua non, to the Bill Viz. the s<sup>d</sup> Act not to take place untill your pleasure therein should be known; This being the Leading Amendment proposed and known to be insisted on, over set the whole Bill, for while a set of people in the Lower House, were disputing, or rather Denying your right to Dissent to Laws, you may Easily imagine they would not in the Eyes of their Deluded followers, so far weaken their pretention, as to admit of this Clause, which must appear a tacite Confessione of the same right they had pretended to Oppose.

P. 3 The reasons which Induced me, to insist on this Amendm<sup>t</sup> arose; First from the Consideration of the great importance of the Act proposed, an Importance Indeed I thought too great to be Suddenly Carried into Execution upon the hasty, or Even most Considerate resolutions of as weak Legislators

Money, or somewhat to answer its Current Effects in trade, is certainly much wanted here; wee may Barter between one Another our Staple Tobacco, but to Carry on and Inlarge our trade Abroad & to Invite Artificers, Shipwrights &c to Settle amongst us, another Species of Currency in payments, seems very desirable; New York, Pennsylvania &c are vastly improved in foreign Trade, as well as home Manufactures, by a Paper Currency; it is that, in lieu of Specifick Coin, which seems, to give life, Expedition, and Ease to trade and Commerce this has drawn them into Communitys or Towns, they are daily growing more and more populous, and are supposed to Increase as proportionably in Credit and riches; In Virginia and Maryland, the Case is much

P. 4 otherwise; Tobacco, as our Staple, is our all, and Indeed leaves no room for anything Else; It requires the Attendance of all our hands, and Exacts their utmost labour, the whole year round; it requires us to abhorr Communitys or townships, since a Planter cannot Carry on his Affairs without Considerable Elbow room within his plantation; when All is done, and our Tobacco Sent home, it is perchance the most uncertain Commodity that Comes to Markett, and the management of it there, is of such a nature and method, that it seems to be of all other, most lyable and Subject to frauds, in prejudice