

to the poor Planters; Tobacco Merchants, who deal in Con- c. P.
signments, get great Estates, run no risque, and Labour only
with the pen; The Planter can Scarce get a living, Runs all
the risques, attendant upon trade, both as to his Negroes and
Tobacco, and must work in Variety of Labour; I write not
this in malicious Envy to the merch^{ts} nor do I wish them less
Success in business but I heartily wish the Planters Lay was
better. When our Tobacco then is Sold at home whatever
is the produce of it, returns not to us in Money, But is either
converted into Apparell, Tools or other Conveniences of life, p. 5
or Else remains there, as it were Dead to us, for where the
Staple of a Country, upon forreign Sale, yields no return of
Money, to Circulate in such a Country, the want of such Cir-
culation must leave it almost Inanimate; it is like a Dead
Palsie on the publick, since it can never Exert its members or
faculties, in the pursuit of trade and Commerce; An increas-
ing Country and growing people as this is, and a Staple, at
best Uncertain, but of late visibly declining in Value, as To-
bacco is; incites the people here to look about and Enlarge
their foundation in trade, to the which money or Some Cur-
rency, which may answer the same uses, is necessary, and the
Expedient to such End, is a Paper Currency as proposed in
the Act; I herewith send you a Copy of the s^d Bill as it Came
up from the Lower House, the Votes and Journall will show
you the Amendm^{ts} proposed by the Upper House, with which,
the Bill would generally have pleased here; I should be Very
Glad to have the Bill Consider'd of in England and to know
y^r thoughts upon it, which would be Very Acceptable to many
here, For the people are impatient for some such kind of Re- p. 6
lief in their Circumstances and I Dare not Venture to pass
any such Law here without Even the Consent of the Crown,
for an Instruction of the Late Kings Dated the 31st of Aug:
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It seems to require that no Law of an unusuall or Extra-
ordinary nature should be passed here untill his Majesties
pleasure was therein known, whereunto referrence may easily
be had in Councill or Board of Trade Office; This was Indeed
the main reason, for my insisting on the first Amendm^t before
mentioned, for referring it, untill your pleasure should be
therein known, I was Confidant that would Answer the Royall
Instruction being secure, that you would never send in an
assent on your part, Untill you were Assured in form of the
Crowns; which by the s^d Instruction seemed previously neces-
sary; Having observed thus far on the s^d Bill, it is submitted
to your Consideration at Home, I am Utterly Incapable of
Advising in things of this nature, the beginning whereof is
obvious to the meanest Conception, the Consequences of it