

U. H. J. than has been of late usual for that the same would prove very advantagious to the Country in General is conceived to be beyond dispute because that the longer the Tob^o hangs the more It loses in its scent Freshness Substance Weight & Goodness in every respect & consequently is of less value when It comes to Markett being so wasted that there remains only the Shape & nothing of the Substance of Tob^o

It will be an essential method to quicken Trade for thereby all Purchasers as well as those that come upon freight may with far less expence be dispatched And consequently the one may afford to give the better pennyworth & the other to go at a cheaper Freight

And It being Evident that the want of getting Cask Timber timely seasoned and fitt to be sett up and the delay used by Coopers proceeding in a great measure from the uncertainty of their pay is the chief Cause of the backwardness in getting the Tobaccos ready for shipping, Whither a Law appointing a certain time in the year for getting such Cask timber ready And for Coopers to sett the same up would not prove beneficial and for the Cooper's Encouragem^t to have his pay upon
 p. 42 Execution. Such Law would certainly prove highly beneficial not only for the dispatch in Trade but likewise in saving of the Sloops Flatts & other Craft of the Country from being destroyed by the Worm for in getting the Tob^o timely ready such Craft need not be running after the worm bites, nor the Ships be forced to stay so late And be also damnified.

It would be a means for all Tob^o to come regularly and much near the same time to Markett And thereby All Traders be at a Certainty how to govern themselves But if the Trade continues to have Ships drop in all the year round The Tobacco Buyers will purchase no more at a time than just from Hand to Mouth.

Whereas on the contrary if all the years Crop went to Market much at a Time the Buyers would according to the Exigencys of their Trade purchase their whole years Stock at once And thereby in all probability the Price of that Commodity would always be kept up

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John Hart

And thereupon Resolved by Majority of Voices that It would be of great Advantage all Tob^o should be got ready to be shipped earlier than usuall It has been of late years But that It would be prejudicial to the good People of the Province that any prefixed time should be limited for the shipping of tob^o

After which It was considered whither the Planters should