

augmented it is to be feared unless some speedy means be found out U. H. J.  
to raise the present Markets the Officers will have all the Tobacco  
that shall be made and the planter and his Wife and Children may  
go naked As to his Lordships [rejecting] the regulation of 1725 we  
begg leave to Observe that it was upon the partial Representation  
of some Officers & that we cannot entertain a thought so injurious  
(if in our opinion) to his Lordships Humanity and Honour as to p. 360  
suspect that his Lordship would Support a few Officers upon the  
ruins of the people of Maryland nor can we doubt when things are  
truly represented to his Lordship but that he will shew that Regard  
to the Welfare of the Province which his Lordship has frequently  
declared he has. To the third having given an Answer to the  
chief part of it under the second head we shall only add that if  
we should be unhappily disappointed of the Compassionate regard  
we hope the Lord Proprietary has to the general Interest and  
Welfare of the Country and that the People have no Remedy  
which God forbid the Inhabitants of Maryland are under most  
deplorable Circumstances. To the fourth it is very certain that  
if a Tobacco Law should be made that it is but contingent whether  
it would raise the Price of Tobacco But this is certain that let that  
happen how it will if such a Law as is Proposed should pass the  
people cannot by the most probable Conjecture we can make (and  
if we know not how to be Exact) exceed two thirds of the prest  
crop and if the event should not answer our hopes (viz) the Ad-  
vancement of the Price of Tobacco We entreat your Honours to  
Consider what a miserable Condition People must be reduced to  
who can hardly supply themselves with necessaries by the produce  
of what is left them when they are at full Liberty to make what  
they can if their Crops should be reduced to two thirds of what  
they now make they be Obliged to pay the same Levies and other  
Dues and fees they are now obliged to pay and have nothing left  
to support themselves and Familys but what would remain to them  
after such payments and whether it is not agreable to natural Jus-  
tice that Officers who are to be supported by the Labour and Indus-  
try of the People should not make an Abatement of their Income  
proportionable to what the people are Obliged to make in hopes of  
A General good and run the same Hazard with their Supporters as  
to the event, Thus we have given such Answers to your Reasons  
as we hope will prevail with your Honours to Concur with us and  
we will most willingly agree to a Second Conference if your Hon-  
ours desire it or any other expedient that may be attended with  
the least probability of Advantage to the People we represent.

Signed p Order M Macnemara Cl. lo. Ho.

An Engross'd Bill from the Lower House by M<sup>r</sup> Dashiel Enti-