

& improper Offices & to grievous penaltys, & is of dangerous consequence to the Protestant Religion there established.

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Y^r pet^r humbly prays y^r Ldsp's serious consideraⁿ thereof, & th^t the s^d Act may be totally repeal'd & declar'd Null & void *ab Initio*, & also th^t such Instructions may be given to y^r Ldsp's Gov^{or} & Council there, th^t no Act of any such nature may be attempted to be passed there for the future. And y^r pet^r shall ever pray &^{ca}

Jacob Henderson

To the R^t Hon^{ble} Char^s L^d Baron of Baltimore Absolute Lord &^{ca} p. 5

The Memorial of the underwritten Traders to Maryland in Behalf of themselves & others trading thither beg leave to present to your Lordship

That Tobacco the Staple of Maryland has of late years sold so low th^t the planters can't long subsist upon the produce of their labours.

That this is owing to the Planters endeavouring to make as much as possible without regarding the nature whereby the Markets in Europe being over loaded with Tobacco of an Inferiour nature, it will not pay the necessary charges of bringing to Great Britain.

That to Improve the Staple of Tobacco & render it more fitting for the European Markets, the Legislature of Maryland have passed an Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco w^{ch} limits the number of plants to be tended by any person in one year not to exceed 7000 Plants.

That by this or the like limitation the Staple might be mended & the Tobaco more acceptable to the Markets in Europe & the Planters be Enabled to raise Sufficient to Cloath themselves & Servants wth the Manufactures of Great Britain w^{ch} they can't long continue to do at the price Tobaco has sold for some time.

That a Law limiting a certain number of Plants is of the same nature of one w^{ch} has been in Force many years in the Province of Virginia.

We therefore Pray y^r Ldsp will be pleas'd to continue this Law Sign'd per Mess^{rs} Sam Hyde, W^m Hunt, Rob^t Cruckshanks Phill: Smith & W^m Black Jan^{ry} 17th 1729

NB. upon the afores^d petition's being presented & Read, his Ldsp was pleas'd to hear the s^d complaint, w^{ch} being fully argued on both sides by Counsel Learned in the Law after w^{ch} his Ldps dismiss'd the partys, & upon due consideratⁿ it appear'd so unjust & unreasonable the taking from the Clergy a 4th part of their Incomes without any just grounds or Equivalent as also no ways beneficial to the province his Ldsp Dissented to the s^d Tobaco Law Jan^{ry} the 30th 1729