

U. H. J. Conformable to the Plan of Action Laid Down for you by our
 Liber No. 34 brave General. I Expect my Last Orders from him soon, and then
 May 17 you may Depend upon yours from me, untill which Time I Desire
 you would keep a Strict Eye over the Gentlemen you have in Cus-
 tody & be very Cautious who you Admit to their Conversation I
 add no more but conclude with a hearty wish that you all were as
 Zealous for the Cause on which all our State Depends as is yours
 &c. R. T. M.

December 11th 1747

We do hereby give this Timely Notice to those Persons who shall hereafter be Chosen Inspectors of the Maryland Tobacco that they may not Accept of that Office as also to those on whose Plantations the Ware houses are Appointed to be that they may not build them on their own Charges unless there Pass an Act of Assembly to Save them harmeless from all future Damages that may happen to the Warehouses or Tobacco after Inspection, for Let those Juglers know who have Jumbled up an Inspection Law, at the Expencc of Poor People that they shall never see it come to its Desired Perfection if fire and faggot will burn Down the Warehouses and Tobacco in them; Except they first Pass the following Acts of Assembly, that is to say an Act to Discounenance all secondhand Merchants as also an Act to Extricate all Poor Debtors within this Province as well those who now Languish under Strict Confinement as those who will most Certainly meet with the Like fate before the Drugery of the Inspection Law be over and an Act to Enable all Poor People within this Province to bear the Charges of the aforesaid Law. We Dont mean such an Act as was Past under Colour to Enable them by a Reduction of Twenty five p Cent from Tobacco Debts (which notwithstanding of its fare out side & fine Sugar'd Words can be called nothing but a Cheat) but such an Act as may Support & not Ruin them; If these things be Considered & done to the Satisfaction of us and the People aforesaid our Representatives may hope to see a happy Conclusion of their Laws for amendment of Tobacco; but if Rejected and we find no Door of Mercy can be opened but that
 p. 235 we must be all Run Down without Choice We do now as we have already Done Declare in the Presence of God to one another and by these Presents to all Persons whatsoever that if all the secret artes of Projecting Brains Inspired with Revenge for the Loss of all that is Dear to them can frustrate the Ends of both Houses of Assembly and even over turn this whole Province, if we Live it shall be done, and whilest, it is Invaded with open Enemies abroad it shall be our whole Study to fill its Bowels with secret ones; The reader Perhaps may Just read this over for Curiosity sake and Let it Pass away Tanquam Fabuld (as the Prophets speak of a mans Life) as a Tale that is told, but however time will shew the Event, and the Event, if we mistake not will shew that these things was worth Due Notice