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GEORGE MEANWELL,
a Friend to the Inspection-Law,
to the Brother Planter who is
a Well-wisher for no Inspection-
Law, Greeting.

DEAR SIR,

LOOK upon myself to be under the greatest Obligation to you, for the Honour you have done me, in bestowing some of your precious Moments in observing upon a trifling Performance of mine, lately published. Notwithstanding the Censure you set out with, of my *bring far from speaking well, &c.* yet the Concession you make afterwards, *viz. he is been very candid in giving his Opinion upon an Inspection Law,* is an Instance of your great Candour and Humanity, and does me great Honour, which I shall ever acknowledge with the deepest Sense of Gratitude; and full sorry am I, that your *Sentiments on that Head will not allow you to join with me in my Opinion,* and much more so, for your Conclusion, which I humbly conceive is a little too severe; which, to prevent Mistakes, I will set down in your own inimitable Words: *As he says, he insinuates that he is a Well-wisher to his Country, but I think he is not one; because no Man in my Opinion is a Well-wisher to his Country, who pleads in Behalf of the Inspection Law.* Here is a decisive Sentence with a Witness; they are all Fools or Enemies to their Country, who plead in Behalf of an Inspection Law. Is not this Sentence (humbly begging Pardon for the Freedom of the Expression) a little too rash? Does it not need some Apology? That it is capable of some Apology, I am satisfied, and the great Deference I have for your Judgment, and the Veneration I have for your Person, induce me to attempt one, which you will, no doubt, render quite perfect another Opportunity. What has misled you, I suppose, was too attentive a Perusal of a celebrated Piece, that was published some Years ago on the same Subject, by a late eminent Author, Mr. Q. IN A CORNER, whose immature Death was occasioned by too intense an Application in composing that extraordinary Piece; a Death which cannot be enough lamented, and which would have been an irreparable Loss to the Public, if he had not before, or at the Instant of his Departure, kindly and generously infused his noble Spirit into you (which could not have been better placed), and which he would hardly have done, if you had not had the Honour of being nearly allied to him, or been very much in his Confidence. Some of the Beauties of that admirable Piece, shide in yours so very conspicuously, that they cannot escape the Notice of a Reader of any Penetration, who has ever read the Piece itself. But permit me to say, that your Veneration for the Memory of your deceased Patron and Benefactor, has carried you a little too far; as you have attempted to pass his Decisions on the Public, as equal to self evident Propositions, which need no Proofs or Reasons to support them, which I'm afraid some Men will be so refractory and obstinate as not to submit to. I wish this were all, but alas! it is far from being so, for your Regard to the Memory of that inestimable Man has carried you to an excessive Fondness of every Thing that was his. This Fondness induced you to take Possession of his Corner (as the best Scene to display his noble Talents in), to confine yourself closely to it, secluded from the Conversation of Men, and the Observation of what pass'd abroad. Hence by the Help of a lively Imagination (which happens frequently to over studious, learned Men), you made Gentlemen Planters, of the Stools or other Seats that were in the beloved Corner, and fancied they gave you Informations of what pass'd abroad, agreeably to your own Sentiments. Had you, dear Sir, conversed with real Men, instead

of those wooden Ones, the Creatures of your own Imagination, they, or some of them, would have informed you, that Tobacco had been sold for a much better Price, in Bills of Exchange, Cash, and Goods, in the Country, since the Inspection Law, than before, and acquainted you with Instances enough to put the Fact out of Dispute. They, or some of them, would have informed you, that the People found their Account in carrying their Crops in their Pockets, and by that Means, having it in their Choice with whom to deal, and an Opportunity to furnish themselves with such Goods, as they liked best, and most wanted. They, or some of them, would have informed you, that the People found some Advantage in paying 300 lb. Tobacco in Inspectors Notes, with a Discount of 10 per Cent, which reduced it to 270 lb. instead of 400 lb. at home. They, or some of them, would have convinced you, that if the Rats and Mice, were kept away from the Scales and Weights, they would last a great while; that nailing on a few Boards now and then would not cost much, and that the Proprietors of many of the Inspection Houses must be at this Cost. They, or some of them, would have informed you, that nothing can so effectually secure the Reputation and Credit of Tobacco, or any other Commodity abroad, as the preventing Frauds at home, by a careful Inspection or Examination. They, or some of them, would have informed you, that the Virginians (who were formerly as averse to an Inspection Law as you can be), are now fond of their Law, think it the best they have, and wish for nothing more than that we may be so stupid and blind to our own Interest, as to drop ours. They, or some of them, would have convinced you, that our losing the Benefit of the Law the first Year, but not the Charge, is a Contradiction. These, and many other important Particulars, relating to this Subject, they, or some of them, would have acquainted you of; and if you had been truly informed, I am sure you have too much Honour and Candour either to endeavour to conceal, or not to have mentioned Circumstances of so much Consequence to your Country. For want of this Information, you concluded it was needless for you to answer Mr. Meanwell in all his Points, because too many of them (not all it seems) are not worthy of Notice. Some indeed have been so ill natured as to suggest, that you could not answer the Points, which you have declared are not worthy of Notice. And others have even insinuated, that either you are, or some near and dear Friend of yours, whose Interest you consider as your own, is really a Tobacco Buyer, and with there may be no Inspection Law, that you or he may buy the cheaper. But for my own Part, I have too high an Opinion of your Honesty and Justice, to entertain the least Suspicion of your having any other but generous and public spirited Views; and, therefore, will do by you, as People do sometimes by the Pope, that is, appeal from your own Judgment, founded upon Misinformation, to your Judgment, upon your being better informed, and having maturely considered the Merits of the Cause.

I am, S I R,

Your most obliged,

Most humble and obedient Servant,

GEORGE MEANWELL.

HANOVER, March 24;

Mr. Langsmidt, the Prussian Resident here, has delivered a Letter to our Regency, in which the King formally declares, that all the Reports of any Invasion intended by him on the Dominions of our Sovereign, are the false Contrivances of Insidiarjes; to dissolve the Harmony and good Understanding which be is for cultivating by the best Means in his Power: That nothing is farther from his Thoughts than any Pretension to the Hanoverian

Territories; and that the Encampment of his Troops mean no more than to exercise them; that they are to last but eight or ten Days, when the Corps are to return to Quarters.

L O N D O N.

March 3. Our Letters from Frankfort intimate, that the Prussian Officers who are recruiting there and in the Neighbourhood, are all varished, in Consequence of the Orders they have received to join their respective Corps. In the Palatinate all imaginable Vigour is used in carrying on their military Preparations, under Pretence of a general Review which is to take Place early in the Spring; and in Alsace, Magazines are already forming for a Camp, which will consist chiefly of Cavalry.

According to private Letters from Marseilles and Toulon, repeated Orders have been received to have all the Vessels building and repairing, at the last mentioned Port, ready to put to Sea by the first of May, which occasions Variety of Speculations, more especially considering the great Assiduity with which the Spaniards are arming and fortifying in Catalonia, and the Pains they have taken to render Barcelona the strongest Place in all the Mediterranean. A Camp is also to be formed under its Cannon in the Spring.

Letters from Geneva tell us, that the Son of a Person of Distinction in England, who, upon his Travels, stabb'd a Drawer at a Tavern, was tried and hanged within three Days.

It is reported, that the great Affair on the Carpet, which for this Week past has been the Subject of political Conversation, is adjusted.

March 9. It is said that in Case his Prussian Majesty makes no Abatement in his Demands, but persists in stopping the whole Sum claimed in his Explication of Motives, England's Guaranty of Sicily will be declared null and void.

March 10. Last Wednesday a Cart load of new Buffs, Pouches, &c. were brought into the Store Room of the Savoy, which, it is said, are for ten Men in a Company that are soon to be augmented to the Guards.

It is reported, that the Right Hon. Lord Baltimore intends to offer himself a Candidate at the next general Election, for the County of Surry.

Councils are held every Night at the Cockpit, on Affairs of very great Importance.

According to Letters from Barcelona, of the 14 h past, Orders have been sent there, and to the other Ports of Spain, to get the Men of War ready to put to Sea, and form a Fleet next May.

March 14. It is said the Owners of the Money that was on board the Prince Frederick Packet Boat, taken by the Algerines in March 1750, intend to Petition the Parliament for some Indemnifications. As the Infidels Pretence for condemning her, was, that she had no Mediterranean Pass; the Question is, by whose Neglect did this happen?

We hear a very extraordinary Memorial has lately been presented by the French Ambassador, demanding Satisfaction for a Ship and Cargo taken and condemned in 1743. The Ship in Question is the Phoenix, belonging to Sieurs Peyrac, condemned by the Court of Admiralty at St. Christopher's the 18th of October, 1743, and ordered, by Sentence of the Court of Appeal in England of the 18th of January last, to be restored, with her Cargo, or the Value thereof; but the Owner of said Ship not being satisfied with this Sentence, because it says nothing of Costs of Suit, Damages, and Interest for that illegal Capture, and as there lies no Appeal from the said Sentence of the 18th of January, he has had no Recourse to the French Ambassador; the 28th Article of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation concluded at Utrecht, importing that bare Restitution, in such Cases, is not sufficient Satisfaction, but that the Captors must make good all Damages, with Interest, &c.

Yesterday came Advice, that the Hunter, Ogilvy, from Barbadoes to London, on the 14 h Inst. in a thick Fog she struck on the Lizard, and there being no Hope of doing any Thing for the Service

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John Metcalfe.

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