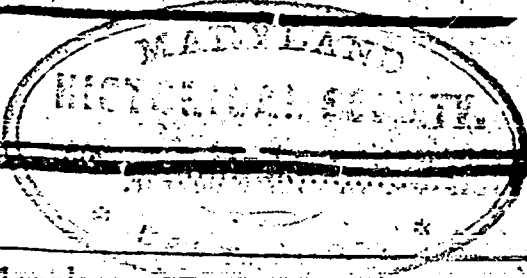




# The Maryland Gazette



From Tuesday March 18, to Tuesday March 25, 1729.

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Mr. Parks,



OM E People seeming to have forgot that ever they subscribed a Letter, approving the Conduct of the London Merchants, and acting as if they had no more Regard to what they gave under their Hands, than some of the Merchants have had to their Agreement: In order to remind Such, of the Obligation they have laid themselves under to their Country, I desire you will publish the Copy of the said Letter herewith sent you, which you may depend is a true one.

Gentlemen,

OUR Friend Mr. Darnall having inform'd us, that you have had sundry Meetings, and form'd your selves into a regular Society, under several Rules and Regulations, in order to consider of some Means for the Relief of our deplorable Trade; we cannot therefore omit this first Conveniency (after such Notice of what you were about) to let you know how agreeable it is to us to return our most hearty Thanks for this your Care of our Interest, and to beg your steady Perseverance in those Measures you have so happily begun; which we hope you will not be deterr'd from pursuing, by any Difficulties you may meet in the Accomplishment of what you aim at: We rather hope, the greater you find the Difficulties, the more it will animate you to unite your Endeavours to overcome them. Such a Union, we persuade our selves, will have a very good Effect: Therefore we most earnestly recommend it to you as a Matter of the last Consequence. And to MANIFEST TO YOU OUR OPINION THEREOF, we cannot omit acquainting you, that whoever breaks that Union amongst you, either by not agreeing with such a Majority of the Trade, as by your Rules are to determine all your Debates, or by breaking thro' those Agreements when made, we shall look on as an ENEMY to OUR COUNTRY, and consequently shall not INTRUST him with any Share of our Business for the future. And tho' the whole Country have not yet been apprized of what you are about, and consequently could not concur with us, in what we now write to you; yet we are very well assured, from the general Disposition of the People, that they will unanimously join in these our Sentiments as soon as they become acquainted with what is doing, of which we dare engage you will have Assurances from the several Counties in this Province, in due Time.

AS we are persuaded, Gentlemen, that you have a General Good in View, and are well informed by our Friend, that you all unanimously appeared heartily to aim at the same good End; so we hope that no Disputes amongst your selves, upon this Means, will occasion any ill Blood, or be the Cause of any Division amongst you. To make you sensible how agreeable your Endeavours are to us; we assure you for our selves, and dare answer for the Country, that we shall readily do what lies in our Power to promote your Interest here, particularly in the Dispatch of your

ships, which we know have been chargeable to you the Years: So that we hope there will be no other Strife for the future, between the Merchants in London, and Planters here, than Who can serve each other most fitable. We therefore hope you'll freely communicate to in a Body, what you expect or desire of us: Which we either readily comply with, or make you sensible when your Expectations are impracticable. This good Correspondence, in a publick Manner, we are persuaded have very good Effects: Therefore hope you will not to cultivate it.

WE cannot omit acquainting you, that we are of the opinion, that the sending of our Tobacco to Holland for Sale is of the most pernicious Consequence: Therefore we desire and request you, not to send it to that Market; but to sell it in London, or keep it by you, till you are oblig'd to Export it to save the Duty.

AS you have agreed to continue a Charge of Three Pence per Hogshead on our Tobacco, to raise a Fund, not for your own Support as a Society, but for sundry other good Ends; with which we are entirely satisfied: And the Collection of that Charge has been for some Time omitted, so that there remains a good deal of that Money in Arrears; We therefore hope and desire, that none will make any Difficulty to discharge what is now or will after be due from them on that Account; being full of Confidence that that Fund is the Basis and Support of the Union; without which, you will not long subsist in a Society.

We conclude with repeating our Thanks for what you have hitherto done, and begging your steady Continuance and are

Gentlemen,

Sept. 3, 1728.

Your humble Servants.

IT appears that the said Letter was wrote soon after Mr. Darnall's Arrival, and his acquainting as many People as he could, with the Measures taken in London, to relieve us, by raising the Price of our Staple. And we appeal to the People in general, Whether that News was received with very great Satisfaction? Tho' some (who were no ill Prophets) said it would come to nothing, that some of the Merchants would break them. And we appeal to the Publick, Whether the Generality of the Freighters, thro'out the Province, would not have given Sign'd that Letter, if they had had an Opportunity; and am certain Things are not altered for the better, so as to make any Measures for raising the Price of Tobacco, necessary since, than they were before.

I hope all that actually Sign'd, will remember, that as the Motive was HONEST, and the OCCASION pressing, we ought to look on all Men that have been instrumental to frustrate their good Intentions towards their Country, as objects of their just Resentment, and treat them accordingly. And that their HONOUR and CONSCIENCE are oblig'd to engage them to adhere to an Agreement made for the publick Welfare, without the Force of Human