

# THE MARYLAND GAZETTE.

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TUESDAY, August 12, 1746.

Mr. GREEN,

I Observe in some of your late Papers the two different Schemes proposed, one by Mr. A. B. the other by Mr. C. B. in order to assist and relieve this Province from it's distressed Condition, and bad Character of it's Staple Commodity, it hath so long laboured under, for Want of some Regulation in our Tobacco Trade; and I think it's obvious, that no Regulation will relieve us, but one by an Inspecting Law; and that, I am fully persuaded, will effectually do it, to the great Advantage of every Person concerned. I beg Leave to say, as I am acquainted with most of the Rivers and good Landings in the Province, that I readily agree with Mr. A. B. that 60 Warehouses of the Dimensions he proposes, built at proper Landings, would be sufficient to hold the Tobacco made in this Province; and that they may be placed with great Conveniency both to Planters and Traders; and that his Calculation, with regard to the Charges of building them, is near the Matter: But then I will differ from Mr. A. B. and take the Liberty to propose,

That 60 Warehouses be built, at the most convenient Landings, by the Proprietors of the Lands, in such a Time as shall be appointed by Law; which I am persuaded every Proprietor would readily comply with, for the Benefit of the Rents they would receive therefrom. But if any should refuse, or the Lands belong to Minors, whose Guardians would not build; that then one Acre of all such Lands be valued, paid for, and built on, by the Province.

That Scales and Weights be bought, and paid for by the Province.

That Inspectors be nominated and sworn, and allowed 40 *l.* per Annum each.

That 12 *d.* per Hoghead Storage, be paid to the respective Warehouses.

That the Inspectors, after Inspecting, nail the Hogheads, and be allowed 6 *d.* per Hoghead.

The State of which Charges would be thus; viz.  
60 Pair of Scales and Weights, bought by the Province, at 35 *l.* per Pair, ————— 2100 0 0

120 Inspectors, each 40 *l.* per Annum, ————— 4800 0 0

36000 Hogheads Storage, at 1 *s.* per Hoghead, ————— 1800 0 0

36000 ditto, Nails at the Warehouse, and Nailing, at 6 *d.* per Hoghead, ————— 900 0 0

Yearly Charges, ————— 7500 0 0

To defray this Charge, That the Exporters pay, at Exportation, 4 *d.* 6 *d.* Current Money; which, on 36000 Hogheads exported, is ————— 8100 0 0

The Yearly Balance remaining, ————— 7500 0 0

Sum 600 *l.* will repay the Province in 1 Year, for the Expence of Scales and Weights. ———— then continued for 3 years.

If the Province should be obliged to purchase, and build any of the Houses, the Storage will replace the Money in a Year, or near it; because 600 Hogheads will come to each House, one with another.

This Expence on Tobacco is far less, than any Quantity of Tobacco has been generally shipp'd at, or can be shipp'd at, under it's present Circumstances; also secures the Merchant from the many Accidents, Damages, and Delays, which frequently happen in the common Way of collecting it.

As our Tobacco is deservedly allowed, by all competent Judges, to be better in Quality than the Virginia Tobacco; why should we not follow their wise Example, and improve it to the best Advantage? This will not only make it as convenient, and equally good in other Respects, but ship it at less Expence than they do, without Expence or Trouble to the Planter, save that of rolling the Tobacco to the Warehouses. Our Staple Commodity thus prepared will command a Trade, bring Money amongst us, and enable every Tenant to pay his Quit Rents, both to his Lordship's and his own Satisfaction.

I am far from pointing out any Method (one would be absolutely necessary to go Hand in Hand with an Inspecting Law), to reduce the Clergy, Officers, and outstanding Debts; it would be calling in question the Abilities of the Legislature: It may reasonably be supposed, every one would make a generous Condescension.

Mr. C. B.'s elaborate and prolix Arguments, which appear in N<sup>o</sup> 60, summ'd up in telling us how much he has the true Interest of his Country at Heart, fully evince me to the contrary; and I think it appears, he has much more Ingenuity in packing Tobacco, than calculating a Law for the Constitution of this Province.

A Burning Law we all, or most of us remember; it answered what was thereby intended; the destroying a large Quantity of Trashy Tobacco: It neither brought Tobacco to convenient Landings, nor secured it from the great Damages it generally receives in Rolling. It did not prevent the Deceit in Steelyards; neither did it give Dispatch to the Shipping.

So long as these Maladies remain, our Tobacco will never fell equal to our neighbouring Colony's; nay, our Trade will continue to be depited.

By giving this a Place in your Paper, you'll oblige

Your constant Reader,  
Z. Z.

Maryland, June, 1746.

BRUSSELS, May 9.

ON Tuesday last the French army began to encamp in the plain near Farnault. Our whole garrison marched thither this day. Four score battalions are already advanced beyond Cortenberg. On Wednesday last the French king arrived here. One hundred and twenty pieces of cannon of several sorts, eighty pointers, and a great quantity of powder and shot, were piled through the city lately in their way to the army. On Friday night last M. Lowendahl set out from