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M A R Y L A N D G A Z E T T E,

Containing the freshest Advices, Foreign and Domestic.

TUESDAY, July 19, 1747.

... of the subject to be treated... regulation, to... an Inspecting... Now if it should... will acknowledge: that an Inspect-

of Trash, you say, is as much... crop for one man. From these... Trash annually made cannot a... which is merchantable... made by such as do not ship... contain a fourth or fifth... taxable that cures 1500 l... and factors are well... whether they would... to strike off... or what would answer the... worth or fifth... the value of... it is clear... and that... it would not equally stand for clipping of debts upon a part of the... either before or after a regulation for preventing any such to be mix'd with it.

From the idea you give us of a Burning Law, even if the Tobacco will be obliged to destroy an equal quantity of Trash: Now if each should be oblig'd to burn only the half of what is made by such as lay their Tobacco out in the country would still remain; for they make 300 l. to a taxable, as was before prov'd from the testimony of the merchants and their factors, who know best. Methinks I hear you cry out, How easy is it to remedy that! it is only compensing each taxable, instead of 150 l. to burn 300 l. of Trash. But then this difficulty occurs: Those who ship their Tobacco generally make no more than 150 l. of Trash to a taxable; and should they be oblig'd to destroy 300 l. for every hundred in a crop, the tenth part of their labour would be consumed by the dreadful flames of this Burning Law.

It is natural to imagine it was in order to guard against such an inconvenience, that a great many persons, as you inform us, have already very wisely furnish'd themselves with great quantities of Trash. But you have another easy remedy at hand for that: It is only burning, you say, a large quantity for the first or second year. So a poor Planter, because he has not as much foresight as those prudent folks you have been telling us of, to furnish himself beforehand with a handsome provision of Trash, may have the greatest part of his crop burnt; for by the large quantity that each taxable is to burn the first or second year, I cannot suppose you mean less than 7 or 800 l. This was an objection of your own starting, and you have surprisingly solved

... I may believe... out of the darkness... to have recollected how dangerous... the Devil, without... he appears.

AGAIN, supposing for argument's sake, those heads of Trash you speak about have only an... a taxable now makes but 150 l. do you think it would be yearly made after a Burning Law? ... for every Planter, before accustom'd... Tobacco, might easily contrive to... out diminishing a single pound... are many other... objections... must occur to every reader, that... it. Those I have mention'd sufficiently... an admirable regulation, which you so warmly... would not only miss of it's designed effect, show... Law (which Common sense forbids), our... with great injustice, and much un... ing, curing, housing, inspecting, and burning... which, however, you reckon as a mere... inhabitants.

THE great con... which nothing is... notice... to give a clear... that animate...

The merchants and factors... before they... will be a way... the quality... to be even with them, and in order to avoid... and contentions with their customers, raise the price of their goods in proportion to the Trash that they think they shall receive upon the whole. The honest Planters then receiving they get no more for the clearest than their neighbours for the foulest Tobacco, follow their example; in which I apprehend they act very reasonably. Hence it appears, that in an outstanding Tobacco-debt, the contracts were virtually, but not actually, for a fourth or fifth Trash. Now if what you assert be true, that a Burning Law would totally destroy the Trash, it would be extremely cruel and unjust, in the manner you propose it, without any reduction of the debts. How well therefore you have pleas'd the cause of the poorer sort, on whom these debts lie so heavily and whose advocate you would have them have us believe you to be, I shall leave to their determination.

I may take another opportunity to consider your objections against an Inspecting Law, which, in my poor opinion, are still weaker, if possible, than your arguments for a Burning Law; and in the mean time remain,

S I R,
Your humble Servant,
A PLANTER.

A Copy of a LETTER from a Gentleman in Virginia, to his Friend in Maryland.

S I R,
Virginia, Aug 30, 1747.
A Friend in Maryland acquainting me, that you would be glad to be informed by some person in this Colony, how our Warehouse Law occasion the present affluence and prosperity of Virginia, I will endeavour to make the thing as clear