

To the Rt. Hon^{ble} Char: L. Baron of Baltimore Abolition

The Memorial of the Underwritten Traders
Maryland in Behalf of themselves & others traders
Whither they leave to present to your Lordship

That Tobacco the Staple of Maryland has of
years sold so low y^t. y^e. planters can't long subsist upon the
produce of their labours

That this is owing to the planters endeavouring
make as much as possible without regarding the nature
whereby the Markets in Europe being over loaded with Tobacco
of an Inferiour Nature, it will not pay the necessary charge
of bringing to Great-Britain

That to Improve the Staple of Tobacco & render it
fitting for the European Markets, the Legislature of Mary
have passed an Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco w^{ch}. time
the number of plants to be sowed by any one person in one
year not to exceed 7000 plants.

That by this or the like limitation the Staple
be mended & the Tobacco more acceptable to the Mar.
Europe & the planters be Enabled to raise sufficient
Cloath themselves & servants w^{ch}. the Manufactures of
Britain w^{ch}. they can't long continue to do at the price Tobacco
sold for some time.

That a Law limiting a certain Number
Plants is of the same nature of one w^{ch}. has been in
many years in the province of Virginia

We therefore pray y^r. Exp^{ty} will be pleas'd to contin

signed per Mess^{rs} Sam: Hyde W^m: Hunt Robt Crick

Copied for y^r. the place: Smith & W^m: Black

As upon the afores^d petitions being presented
pleas'd to hear the s^d complaint, w^{ch}. being fully
by Counsel Learned in the Law after w^{ch}. his
upon due consideration it a^d. I do not
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