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any way, affect the Trade, Navigation & Manufactures of this Kingdom; & that you will take it for a constant Rule, to send my Lords Commissioners, Annual Returns to these Queries.

William Janssen his Lordship's Secretary to His Majesty's Secretary of State
Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations.

Sir I am order'd by the Lord Proprietor of Maryland to send you the inclosed, which is a Short Acc^t. of y^e Province. The Extremity of the Weather preventing Ships sailing, hath prevented its being done sooner: His Lordship desires you will lay it before y^e Lords Com^{rs}. of His Majesty's Plantations.

A Short Account of the Province of Maryland Anno 1732

The Number of Inhab^{ts}. according to y^e nearest computation that can at present be procured is about 96000, whereof 21000 are Blacks; but it is very difficult, if not impossible, to give an exact Acc^t. of the Number of White Servants, their times of servitude daily ending, & others constantly coming into the Province.

It is impracticable to give an Acc^t. to what Degree, the number of people in general are increased or decreased within these five years last past, there not being that I can find, any calculation heretofore made, but only of the Taxables.

The Commodities Exported to Great Britain are Tobacco, a small quantity of Iron, some Furs, Staves & other Lumber.

There are a few Traders to y^e W. Indies, the Maderas & Lisbon; the Commodities sent to the places above mentioned, are Grain, Bread, Flower, Beef, Pork & Lumber, & y^e Commodities rec^d. for the W. Indies are Rum Sugar & Molasses, & Wine for the Maderas. New England carries on a Trade with this Country, & exchanges Rum & Molasses for Grain.

The Inhab^{ts}. of y^e Province will supply themselves with what they want, & are not at all dependent on the