

only, so far as they can possibly find means to purchase the same,  
but the exceeding poverty of the people in general, occasioned  
by the low price of Tobacco, hath driven the poor Family to  
make some few coarse Woolleens & Linners, to cloath themselves,  
without which they must go naked.

The Trade of the Province is of late years greatly Decayed  
the price of Tobacco for several years has been so low, & the  
Makers of it have been brought to a want of many of the  
Necessaries of Life, & by their neglecting other things, &  
Trusting wholly to that, in hopes of an Amendment in its Value,  
they seem now almost reduced to an Incapacity of carrying  
on any considerable Trade whatsoever.

To prevent Illegal Trade, there are Officers appointed  
in the several Districts of the Province, pursuant to the  
Acts of Trade & Navigation. The Number of Vessels  
belonging to this Province are about sixteen Sloops, two  
Snows & one Ship, the Number of Sea-faring-Men, are  
about 106; all the abovemention'd except one Sloop &  
the two Snows are built in this Province.

There is one Iron-Work Lattic'd, & two or three more  
which are not compleat.

Dated from Annapolis  
Feb. 23<sup>d</sup> 173<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>

Additional Instructions to Samuel Ogle Esq.  
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Maryland  
Dated August the 10<sup>th</sup> 1734.

As to the Dissolution of the last Assembly  
cannot but approve of it, & think you was under an  
unavoidable Necessity of Acting as you did; but as  
would avoid all Occasions of unnecessary Unbusiness,  
I would not have you take any farther Notice of what  
is said in that matter, & I would not have <sup>bestow'd</sup> places on any  
to be avoided) during the