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made them chase rather to give more than double the Price for the Virginia Tobacco: Thies that Province grow Rich under their Law, whilst the Marylanders were working them selves into Beggary, for want of such a one. In view to remedy this Evil, I understand soon after Mr. Oyle's last arrival in the Province, an Act of Assembly in Similitude to that of Virginia for the Inspection of Tobacco, was passed to continue till December 1753. The Consequence of this Act from Information both from the Province & the Merchants here, has had all the good Effects that could be expected from it; It is said the Maryland Tobacco has outsold that of Virginia at home & abroad, from the better Production of soil; The Produce of it has enabled those who owed money Debts to discharge them, and others to live in a comfortable manner.

The Expectation of a continuance of so Beneficial Law as this, has been an Inducement to Traders to contract for much greater quantities of Tobacco than they get in in two or three years, and if they should be under any Apprehension of the Law being dropped; They would be under an absolute necessity to prevent their own Ruin to distress their Debtors, which would End in ruining many of them, and perhaps oblige them to leave their Habitations. From these Reasons supported from real Facts & well understood so here, as it must also be from the Benefit the Planters have already Enjoy'd from the Inspection Law; It is a surprize to all here. That at the meeting of Assembly the 3^d of Juny last, on the motion in the Lower House for the farther continuance of the said Law; It had a Resolve on it, not to Enter this Session upon the consideration of the Inspection Law. The opposition (you say) was strong then'd by an Opinion of the Governm^ts Landgraves Earnest request for its Revival, and which the Lower House too justly concluded from an over forwardness to meet an Assembly under a President and upon his immediate Entrance into Administration.

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