

(1771)  
and desires the Opinion of this Board in relation thereto

Resolved that the Assembly be convened according to the prayers of the said petition on the second Tuesday in July next to which time the same stands prorogued and that Letters be dispatched by the Clerk of this Board to the Several Sheriffs of this Province commanding them to give their respective members of each County Notice thereof

Ordered that a Letter be sent from this Board to the Assembly of Virginia now sitting relating to the Tobacco Law and that the Expence thereof be defrayed by the publick which Letter was accordingly sent by Samuel Harvey of Annapolis and is as follows viz<sup>t</sup>

Gentlemen

The melancholy Circumstances of the Tobacco Trade, the Staple of your Colony as well as of the Province of Maryland is now reduced unto calls loudly upon the Legislature of both places for some speedy relief and as we have been already made sensible that the single endeavours of one plantation have come short of those advantages which might reasonably have been expected from a Law to prevent the making of Great Quantities of Trashy and Scentless Tobacco, in Case the other Tobacco plantation had also Given into the same Measures or fallen upon Regulations something like therunto

We therefore the Governour and Council of the Province of Maryland have therefore thought it expedient upon the present Conjuncture of a Sessions of Assembly now sitting as it is said in Virginia to Advertize of a General disposition in the Inhabitants of this Province