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Interinto Measures for Improving that Trade by which both
Governments subsists

We are very sensible that the fall of the Value of Tobacco
in Great Britain has been too much owing to the want of a good
Understanding between the two Tobacco Plantations and their
mutual Endeavours to mend the Quality and increase the Value
of our Staple Commodity and shall be glad if the measures we have
taken here for that purpose prove agreeable to the Circumstances and
Inclinations of the People of your Province

But as we have now under consideration a Bill which
we Judge of consequence to keep up the Price of Tobacco in the
European Markets and which hath not yet had its Progress
through the Lower House of Assembly (as we hope it will) we
must defer giving you a further Answer till the Conclusion of
this Session which is expected next week and then we shall not
fail to transmit to you Copies of the several Laws subsisting which
Concern the Tobacco Trade and shall be ready on all Occasions
to give you Proofs of our hearty desire to cultivate a good Corres-
pondence with your Government and of the particular respect
with which we are

Gentlemen

Superscribed to the
Honble Charles Calvert Esq
Governor of his Majestys Province
of Maryland and to the Honble
Council of the said Province

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