

According to what we had the Honour to write you last month by your Messengers we now send you the Copy of three Bills now Subsisting for the Improvement of our Tobacco Trade and shall be glad if any of the Regulations thereby established prove equal to the dispositions and Circumstances of the People in your Province

The Bill which in our last we mentioned to be then under Consideration and finally was rejected by the House of Burgesses and the Chief Reason was because it had a Restriction upon the People and Shipping of Virginia while those of your Province were at Liberty to supply the Markets at home at any Season of the Year and not being sure that Maryland would come into any such Restriction they thought it not Advisable to pass a Law which gave their Neighbours a Logical and Advantage over them and thus a Project miscarried which we Judged would have proved useful to the Trade by preventing that unreasonable supplying the British Markets with new Tobacco before the old Crop can be sold of; which is certainly one Great Cause of keeping the price of that Commodity so low

We send Inclosed a Copy of that Bill as it was prepared by the Upper House and if on perusal of it your Assembly shall think fit to come into like measures we shall be Glad to receive timely Advice being in hopes it will meet with no Obstruction in the next Session of Assembly which now stands prorogued to the seventeenth of November

We cannot but greatly Commend that publick Spirit and Zeal with which you are pursuing the Common Good of all those concerned in the Tobacco Manufacture and do assure you our parts of hearty Concurrence with you in promoting that laudable design, being with great Truth