

It hath been argued by the Members of both Houses that a Tobacco
 Act is highly necessary but the manner of doing it appears to have
 been attended with such a variety of Opinions that we were
 Great Dissatisfaction have not been able to Reconcile them
 nor to enact any thing for the good of the Staple tho very much
 wanted and earnestly pressed for by the People

We highly approve of the method proposed in your Bill
 for Limiting and Restraining the time of Shipping Tobacco
 the Advantages of which are so obvious that no reasonable man
 would willingly be deprived of them but such is the Temper
 of our Burgesses having different views as well as different
 Conceptions in the manner of Advancing the Common good
 that one part of them chose to be deprived of the advantages
 flowing from a good Tobacco Law rather than give into the mea-
 sures of bringing it about

We are very sorry to say that our Endeavours for the publick
 Good have proved so unsuccessful partly owing to the late Sea-
 son of the Year which is so far advanced that most People
 will have housed their Crops before the Teller with the
 Requesters anxious to their disappointment could well be ad-
 justed

But we shall always be in hopes that a favourable Cons-
 truction will be put upon our late Advances towards a friendly
 Correspondency with the Neighbouring Colony of Virginia and
 that you will believe we had no other thing in view by the
 proposing of a beneficial Tobacco Law than a General Advance-
 ment of the Staple of Tobacco by a mutual Concert between
 the two Colonies that we shall always be ready to put
 in our Bill along with Virginia towards the accomplishment
 of so desirable an end which that it may soon be brought