

Tobacco, our Staple, which hath been annually exported to Great Britain about £150,000, while the Merchants get as much more for Conveying it to Great Britain, and selling it, the only Commodities exported hence besides Tobacco, are wheat, and Indian Corn, Bread, Flour, Pig and Bar Iron, Skins, Furs, Lumber and Some Flax seed, which Articles may altogether be valued at about £80,000,

In the year 1757. An Act of Assembly was made here to Compell all the Owners or Makers of Tobacco to send it to certain Inspection Houses whence it cannot be again removed till it is put on board a Ship for Exportation as to any other Commodities the Exporters are not under a Necessity of having them Inspected, but the Acts of Parliament made for preventing the Exportation of Wheat and Flour to Foreign Parts and all illegal Trade are duly obeyed & enforced.

9. There are a great many Iron Mines, and several of them very good, in this Province are Eight Furnaces for making Pig, and Ten Forges for making Bar Iron, the Quantity of Pig made communibus Annis may be about ^{Some} 2500 and the Quantity of Bar about ^{Some} 600. There are great Shows of Copper in many places, but ~~the~~ several Attempts have been made to discover Veins of that Ore no Mines have been yet brought that Ditted Cost;

10. The Number of White Inhabitants is about 112,332 and the Number of Blacks about 29,675. In the Year 1750, the Whites were about 92,000, and Blacks about 20,000. In the year 1755 the Whites amounted to 107,963 & the Blacks to 26,225; Since that time very few have been imported from Europe, but about 2000 Men have enlisted into his Majesty's Forces.

12. The Number of our Militia is about 18,000, but as many of them are quite unprovided or very ill supplied with Arms, and for want of a Proper Militia Law not under good Regulation or Command, and a good Militia Law our Assembly will not make, The Militia of this Province is far from being formidable.

13. There are two Forts in the Western part of this Province on Potomack River, Called Fort Frederick and the other Fort Cumberland, the former is far the Strongest, its exterior Lines being 120 yards, the Curtain and Bastions are faced with a thick stone wall, and it Contains Barracks for 300 men, it is not at this time garrisoned, the other Called Fort Cumberland is 75 Miles