

In Effect the People of this Province have not the same Advantage in the Article of paying off Dead Mens Debts that the Creditors in England have, No Merch^t is without a Factor here, able to inform him of his Correspondents Circumstances & without gross Mismanagement the Factor knows how matters stand between the Merch^t & the Planter especially where the Latter are the Debtors & is generally able to bring Suit for his Principal as soon as any other Creditor - The Planter has generally no other Correspondent in England than the Consignee of his Tobacco & therefore upon the Death of the Consignee, the Creditors in England must get the Preference for those who first sue, when Debts are of equal Nature will first obtain a Satisfaction - As to the Merch^t Declaration that that Supplementary Law (supposing it to be what it is not) or any other Law will stop their giving Credit to the Inhabitants of this Province, the People will or should say with all our hearts the less Credit they give us the better, the way to keep out of a large Debt is not to credit for a small & they as well as we know that nothing ever hurt Maryland more than the great Credit that has been sometimes given us - I have written above what occurs by way of Answer to any Objections that may be made to the Law but if this should not, on my being acquainted more particularly with the Merch^t Objections I promise myself I shall be able to send an Answer entirely to His Ldys & their Satisfaction. -

I am very sorry to learn that any objections are made to the Inspection Law & especially that it is represented to be a Violation of the Act of Parliament made in Queen Anns Reign to regulate