

House again & that if they consent not to it that they send their partic-
ular reasons why they dissent —

The House Adjourned for two hours

The House met again Present as before
Then was sent an Act touching payment of Debts in the Year 1667
Ordered that a member of this House go to the Lower, with this Act
& read it to them & desire them to Consider of it

Then came a member from the Lower House with their Reasons
against a Cessation which is as followeth & ordered a Reply be drawn to them

The Reasons of the Lower House why they think
a Cessation from planting Tobacco to be Unnecef-
sary in this Province.

We conceive our Cessation will rather Increase than lessen the quan-
-tity of Tobacco for it will Encourage the People of those parts to plant
Tobacco where now there is little or none made, and the rather because
other American Plantations are in the same State & plight as
We are as to their Commodities which by reason of the want & supply
of Shipping their Commodities usually planted as Sugar Ginger
Cotton & Indies are now as contemptible as Tobacco can possibly be
And should We now conclude to make a Cessation they would un-
-doubtedly fall upon planting Tobacco their Lands being more proper
for its production & will yearly produce not only one Crop but most
commonly two & sometimes three Crops, so that their Abundance will
render our Cessation in this Province ineffectual & thereby we lose
the main end of a Cessation as to advance our Commodity Tobacco
which by that occasion we judge will never the more for our
Cessation be advanced unless a total Cessation in all his Majesty's
Plantations in America be enforced & therefore We judge a Cessa-
-tion in this Province unnecessary & ineffectual

2. A Cessation shall discourage Merchants from sending Ships
to these Parts We not having the Commodity which they chiefly seek
for here nor any probability or hopes in any reasonable time to produce
other manufactures for their Encouragement to visit this Province
& supply us with such Necessaries as we from time to time shall want
So that by the means of a Cessation in Maryland & Virginia our Trade
will be for a long time obstructed, Merchants usually trading this
will settle their Trade in other parts, and we shall thereby shall proba-
-bly be wholly deserted by shipping, our Country ruined, ourselves
wives & Children exposed to little better than a Pagan & Salvage
manner of living

3. Seamen shall not be got to come for these parts for any other