

than Tobacco, in regard it pays a great Custom, an Excise & freight which commonly Seamen save & put into their purses which is their only Invitation to these parts, their Employment when they arrive here being so very much slavish is well compensated by the Gain they have by Tobacco, the which other Commodities will never afford them.

Therefore they will decline this Trade which will be a great occasion to deter Merchants from the Trade of these parts also

4. A Cession shall invite or rather constrain all Freemen or the greatest part of them to go out of this Province, & seek out these parts where they may freely make use of their Labours without restraint by which means this Province will be in danger of Depopulation, & young Freemen being the greatest strength of this Province their Departure from hence will very much weaken us & render us a prey to our salvage Enemies.

5. The Quantity of Tobacco doth not lessen the price here but the want of Ships to fetch it away which are not to be exported till the Lord pleaseth to remove the scourges of war & pestilence from our native Nation of England which war & pestilence is the only principal Cause not only of the contemptibleness of our principal Commodity Tobacco at present but of all other Commodities in America of what nature or kind soever

The aforesaid Reasons being well weighed & Considered We hope will give plenary Satisfaction to the Upper House & to all good men & unbiassed persons

Wm. Beeton

The House Adjourned for half an hour

The House met again Present as before

Then went a Member of this House to the Lower to tell them that the reply to their Reasons against the Cession will be too late for the Clerk to copy over to night for the Lower House's perusal, therefore ordered that it be fair written & sent in the morning Jy.

The House Adjourned till nine of the Clock in the morning

The House at nine of the Clock met again Present as before

Then was sent to the Lower House the Answer to the Reasons against a Cession and ordered that the Lower House be desired to consider of them & after Consideration had to resume the debate of the Act for Encouragement of Trade & the other Act for advance of more staple Commodities than Tobacco

The Answer to the Reasons of the Lower House, given against a Cession for planting Tobacco are as followeth

So your first reason We answer that it is impossible, our Cession should rather increase than lessen the Quantity of Tobacco because it is of so little value in itself & rendered so contemptible by the abundance made even