

left but a Cessation

Upon a glut of Tobacco necessarily follows the Ruin of the Householder & Master of Servants, the Tobacco they make being so little worth that a Servants Cargo shall not cloath him & renew his time, the consequence of which must be that the Richest of us all at last must beat his own Bread for want of Servants tho' the poor man will be the first shall feel it, because it may so fall that too Servants Labour may clothe & purchase one when one Mans Labour shall not purchase any

We will yet for this poor mans sake make one Instance more, Quick Dispatch is the life of Trade, for which Reason the rich man that can compleat a Merchants Freight with Speed shall be served whereas poor man his Crop not exceeding 6 or 8 th^{rs} Job^s shall starve for want

If that fail the Rich have means to take freight certain in England by which means if Freight be scant, the Rich will have it all, if plenty the Rich being supplied by their own Returns or Credit the poor will be sacrificed to the rapacious Avarice of the Trader there being none to beat the Price but those whose Wants will not permit them to expect & must therefore perish or run more in Debt, so that upon the whole matter if either you will hearken to the crying Necessity of the poor, the groans of those that live in fear of a pagan Enemy or to hear the honour of Government you will join with us in a Cessation Act which at once remedies these three Evils: Inconveniency it may have as nothing in this World is simply good in itself, but the Conveniency are greater than the Inconveniency, unless there be something in Nature unknown to us dearer than Life Liberty the Honour of the Government & name of Christian otherwise laid open to the Scorn of the Infidel

The House Adjourned till two of the Clock after Dinner

At two of the Clock the House met again

Ordered that the Chancellour go to the Lower house with the answer to the Lower House their Reasons against a Cessation & read it to them

Then came a member from the Lower House with this message in writing
 Viz Upon the Chancellour's Coming into the Lower House & reading the Upper Houses reasons why a Cessation is necessary, the Lower House taking them into their serious Consideration & debating thereon do rest satisfied Provided there be Care taken & Provision made for the Satisfaction of debts & that their neighbouring Colony of Virginia do comply with us
 W^m Bretton Clk.

Then was read the Act for Encouragem^t of Trade which was Assent^d to by this house & sent to the Lower House for their Assent

Then was returned the Act for Encouragem^t of Trade which was Assent^d to by this house, from the Lower house with their Assent

The House Adjourned till nine of the Clock in the morning