

of their Creditors have chosen to shulk themselves amongst the Inhabitants of the
Counties on Delaware Bay and of Carolina and indeed the Low price of the flour
of late been constrained to accept of from the merchants hath obliged many here for
their Industry would not supply their necessities to try their Fortunes elsewhere
parent and considerable diminution of the number of our inhabitants compared
preceeding years and lists

6 Generally all the Inhabitants of this Province being Labourers are employed in Planting
Tobacco except Cooper Carpenters some few that make hoops and a very small number
of other Tradesmen having relation to Tobacco all which excepted by Estimation make not
the 60th Part of such Labourers

7 From this Province to England is exported Tobacco except an inconsiderable quantity
of Furs and Sassafras Root

8 This Province hath little Traffick with any other his Majesty's Colonies in America or
else where and the little Traffick which is used is by exporting hence Pork Beef Pipe
Staves Timber and such like together with wheat Flour and some small quantities of
Tobacco to Barbadoes either by small craft belonging to this Province or New England who
trade here for Rum Sugar and Molasses most especially and some parcels of Fish and
some inconsiderable Wooden Wares of their own Manufacture and this Province hath
no supply of any Woollen manufacture else where but from England except that of the
Native Wool of this Province our necessity hath taught us to make some Course Stocking
and Cloathing for Servants and Slaves

9 The trade of this Province rises and flows according to the rise or fall of Tobacco in
the market of England but yet it is manifest and apparent that universally less crops
are made of late then formerly that is to say of Tobacco for that the most and best land
for that Purpose is cleared and worn out which indeed thereby becomes fitter for Tillage
and the late Grievous losses sustained by the death of Cattle hath sufficiently cautioned
the Inhabitants by Tillage to make better provision against the late unusual hard winters
and to plant less Tobacco and especially the Country is in want of Servants and Negroes

10 The present methods to prevent illegal Trades diligent search and Enquiry after ille-
gal Traders and present and impartial Justice done upon them when found according
to the strictness of Law tho' it be to the disadvantage of this only Province such Traders as
we suppose finding a more remiss prosecution in our neighbouring Colonies so that
we believe them all discouraged from frequenting this Province

11 The Order of Council of the 14th of February 1693 contained to be observed by the Capt
Fleet which sailed out of this Province but it is many ways discouraging and prejudicial
to the Trade of this Province

12 The Proclamator of the 17th of August 1695 We have Reason to think hath very much
reformed the illegal practices of the Pennsylvanians and reduced their Trading with
Province to a good and orderly method

13 The Southern parts of this Province especially on the Eastern Shore viz in Somerset Dor-
chester and Talbot Counties afford Great quantities of Graft straight and lofty Pines fit
for masts and Yards of Ships of all rates they generally grow on low and level Ground
near such Creeks and Coaves where very high Tide can float them most commonly within
half a mile of the water and sometimes not ten Rods from it the way level and nothing
renders the fetching of them difficult but the want of Labourers and Cutters for they
would be sold where they grow at very moderate Rates and the cutting of such Labourers
and Cutters is chief the Tax made here is generally said to be more proper for Timber
then Lodging when used for masts since and other Crooked Timbers fit as we judge for the
best Ships in England may be had here plentifully and cheap together with pitch Tar
Rosin and hemp but because such things have not been inquired for the Inhabitants
have not applied themselves to the preparing of them

It is generally thought that the old Tobacco House will afford Salt Peter the