



is a matter that is impossible; our feelings
 upon the quantity of Tob. because he
 did for unexampled by abundance
 of them, & lately for difficulties
 And therefore it can not say
 of us we are all men from pleasure
 You do confess the other American
 that we are for want of shipping
 that you are for want of you
 many years in expectation
 into our other hands as a
 with larger into hands if it
 hands, ~~any~~

of lately for want of
 hands if it may not improperly be called imperishable. We are
 people to your own judgment whether it be possible for American Plan-
 tations that because of planting these staple valuable & imperishable
 Commodities, though they have now present vend for them, only to plant
 Tob. will we cannot live by, having now greater certainty of
 for it, than we have: it is certain to have us put upon the
 hands, as we can see. Besides were it that you allege here, with
 the reasons above given, were fully done: yet by making an Act
 of Custom now, & sending of news home, we shall get a good supply
 of Clothing Armes & Ammunition for our next Crop, which will be
 sold before the other American Plantations can plant any Tob. The
 we think sufficient to satisfy reasonable men, but if this satisfy
 not, we are ready at a Conference to give more reasons, than can
 conveniently be written at this time.

2. We are not for a greater part of your words is to hinder
 the English merchants shipping & Seamen: it is too much to hinder the