

Our main design is to have a price of Tob.  
as high as you say, and make  
what that is now we need them so  
much you know. Virginia, though  
she has no Plantations, can go along  
as well as Tob. And we have enough  
of tobacco making & possible by Tob.  
so as to supply the world, & if you  
will send us the money to  
buy tobacco, we will pay you. together with  
the cost of shipping it to us, we will have  
a large sum of tobacco to  
sell to Province, not of tobacco  
but of tobacco off tobacco.

... in your last letter you say, we can easily obtain our  
tobacco from Province, which we know they cannot  
do without tobacco. And if we give them to stay with us  
for a time to do this which they say for a freeholder off Province, the  
full stock wife, & children paid, & immovable as we may be  
here, we were anxious to see what the Freeholders of Province  
will say that either they would leave Province for a  
year, or will stay on it, till a good price of Tob. drives them away  
of it; or else (as we more fear) force them to commit damage  
in it, for want of necessities, nor to be provided by Tob. But  
now nothing.

3. Your last reason says, the quantity of Tob. will not lessen  
the price here, but the want of Tob. to sell, is very little. What is the  
main point English, as to say, That there is more Tob. than ships  
that are or were here this year, we very many? Then there is not  
then glutted the present market here? Why then there is not here  
a reason to make Tob. leave a price here? And that it will  
leave, when every ship that by chance comes, conveys some