

take them to be, since all solemnly averr that the Publick Good, is their first and chiefest View : If so, I say, it will not be impossible or impracticable to get over it, as shall be demonstrated hereafter.

Having first try'd to find some such Law as may be a real Service to our Country, and then well endeavoured to find out that happy Expedient to reconcile such a Law to each Ones Interest, *Three* Things seem absolutely necessary to obtain this End. *First*, To ascertain a Time for Shipping off our Tobacco. *Secondly*, To lessen the Quantity, and mend the Quality of what shall be made in the Province. *Thirdly*, To oblige the Freighters to carry their Tobacco to the Ships in which they send it.

The most effectual Way to accomplish these Ends would be, *First*, For our Legislature to affix a certain Time, before which, and another after which, none shall be Ship'd. *Secondly*, To restrain every Taxable that works in Tobacco throughout the Province, to a certain Number of Pounds. *Thirdly*, To oblige every Freighter not only to rowl or carry his Tobacco to his Landing, there to be Weighed and Stamped by the proper Officer, but likewise to oblige him, after that is done, to carry it to the Ship's Side in which he sends it, the Master to pay him Five Shillings, or some certain Price for every Hogshead so delivered, and to be restrained from fetching any himself, or receiving any without the proper Stamp, under very severe Penalties.

A Law of this Nature would be attended with many Advantages, how difficult and surprizing soever it may seem at first View. To demonstrate this, Let us consider some of the necessary Consequences that will inevitably attend such a Law, and the Conveniences and Advantages that will flow from thence; and then, with the same Impartiality, We'll tak