

take a View of the Objections and Difficulties, that may be made to it, or that it is liable to; whereby a Judgment may be form'd whether it wou'd be for the Advantage of the Country, or not: To proceed therefore in the Order propos'd, some of the natural Effects attending such a Law, seem evident.

*First.* The Merchants will know when to send their Ships, and be at a Certainty how long they'll stay; at least, they'll be sure that they cannot be detain'd longer than such a Time: The Advantage the Country will receive from hence is very obvious, for as their Ships are sure to be dispatch'd, they may certainly afford to carry our Tobacco at easier Freights than they now exact.

The *Second* Consequence attending this Part of the Law is, that our Tobacco will arrive at the *European* Markets at a certain Time, after which the Merchants will be sure no more can come that Season: From hence, this Advantage is apparent, which will probably be a very considerable One, that they can then keep up the Price to almost what they please, when none of them can have any Advantage of another, in their expectation of more, before the usual Time in the ensuing Year; it will then be out of their Power to circumvent each other in a clandestine Way of sending and having their Ships return at all Seasons of the Year, and keeping off the Buyers with an expectation of the Arrival of another Vessel with a good Load of fresh Tobacco every Week or Fortnight; the Choice whereof they are promised to have at an easy Rate. As it wou'd prevent all this, so it wou'd be a Means to unite the Merchants, which if it cou'd be effected, they might then have almost what Price they wou'd for our Tobacco.

These are some of the Advantages that wou'd necessarily attend the *First* Part of the Law: Let us now see the Consequences of the

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