

*Answer.* None at all, Let every Merchant who purchases Tobacco, or every Sheriff who receives any from any Planter, either be obliged to give an Account of what they received, and of whom, to the proper Officer; or let such Tobacco come to the Landings before it is Shipped off, with both the Makers and present Proprietors Mark on it, whereby the Officer may easily know who made it, and charge him there-with accordingly.

*Objection the Fifth.* What can the Planter do who is indebted to the Merchants and others, to comply with his Engagements, when he is restrained from making enough to do it?

*Answer.* As to any Money-Engagements, it is intended to raise Money sooner by this Method to comply therewith, than to go on in the old Manner; but as to Tobacco Debts, in which the Force of this Objection lies, there is no greater Objection against this Method, than that of a Number of Plants, or any other Law, which can be thought of, that would lessen the Quantity; and tho' it may be something hard on such, yet when a general Good is obtained, tho' some few particular Persons should suffer a small Inconvenience, it must be submitted to; and if it were to be considered, that these Debtors, perhaps engaged themselves thus to the Merchants several Years ago, at a Time when Tobacco was very valuable, and he has lain a great while out of his Debt, it will not appear any great Hardship, that the Debtor should be obliged to discharge his just Debt, tho' with some Inconvenience to him, when a Law has again raised the Value of Tobacco to what it was when he contracted the Debt; tho', I confess, there may be extraordinary Instances on this Occasion, which will unavoidably attend any Tobacco-Law, which lessens the Quantity. When such particular Instances appear, it