

tho' those Endeavours were attended with some Difficulties; which were chiefly occasioned by the Diffidence they had in one another; (for which they all complained there was too much Reason, from the Experience of their former Meetings, when the Measures then concerted, and Agreements made, were continually broken thro', whereby those who intended honestly to keep them were the Sufferers, and the Trajagellers not only run away with the present Advantage there, but also with the Applause and Encouragement from hence) Yet, as this seemed to be the chief Objection, it was at length removed, by representing to them the Necessity they were under, to make one more Experiment, in hopes that Agreements would now be better kept than they have been heretofore; or that such Persons who would not come into, or break Measures, after they had agreed to them, would certainly be here distinguished, and thereby occasion them to suffer in their Interest: But above all, by the assiduous Endeavours of Mr. John Falous, who seconded my Attempt very vigorously, and took true Pains to get them together, which was at length effected; and, upon the Seventh Day of March last, I had the Pleasure to be present with all the Gentlemen in our Trade: (excepting Two or Three that were either out of Town, or out of Order) When the first Thing agreed upon, was, a Resolution to have regular & constant Meetings once every Month; after that was concluded, They came to a Resolution to continue the former Charge of 3 Pence per Hogshead, and to have all Arrears of that Charge duly collected, which had been for some Time neglected and omitted. This Fund was generally agreed on to be the Basis and Support of their Union, not only as it was necessary to defray their own Expences, as a Society at these Meetings, but also to raise a Fund to enable them at any Time to make Application to the Parliament, when they shall think