

between the Monthly Meeting, and so make Report to the General Meeting, and their Expences to be allowed, so that the same do not exceed one Guinea each Meeting, or Twelve Guineas *per Annum*; and the Savings to be expended once or twice a Year in a Dinner for the Managers. I am the more for Hating, as well as Drinking, in our Society, in hopes Conversation may unite us in Affection as well as in Interest, and then our Work will be easy.

BUT, I am of Opinion, there is one Thing still wanting to cement us nearer together, and without which I am afraid we shall grow cool and negligent, as in Times past: What I mean, is a proper Person for a Secretary, one that should be a common Servant to the Trade, and have a Salary for so doing, paid out of the Publick Stock. I think we cannot employ our Money better, and such a Person may have full Employment; for I would have him attend all Meetings of the Trade, take Minutes, & keep the Records in good Method; he might collect the Three Pence *per Hogshhead*, and pay it to the Treasurer; and many other Things may fall under his Care; some of them occuring to my present Thoughts I shall mention, *viz.*

I think he should keep an exact Account of all Tobacco imported into *London*, and also of all Exports or Sales, that (at a View) we may at any Time know what Tobacco is at Market.

THE like I think we should have from all the Out-Ports in *Great-Britain*, which may be obtained by settling a Correspondent in every Port, to transmit Accounts thereof (by Post) to our Secretary, and he to record them in Books for that Purpose, to be laid before the Managers at their Meetings.

I think it also would be much for our Government, had we a Register kept of all Ships bound to *Virginia* and *Maryland*, with the Time of their Departure from all the Out-Ports, as well as *London*, which may be transmitted to our Secretary.