

being so long in the Houfe, damaged by coming home in the Winter, as well as the Ships tore to Pieces. Ships coming thus, all the Year round, is enough to distract any Market, and it has cost *them* the selves very dear in the Sales, from what they might have had in the Summer. I am jealous, a great Part of the Delay has proceeded from the ill Opinion our Principals in *Maryland* have had of our Management at *London*: Therefore am in hopes, when they see us doing all in our Power to retrieve Things, they will be friend us, in giving the Ships all Possibility of Dispatch, as well as a Freight that will maintain the Ships, which Seven Pounds per Ton will never do.

ANOTHER and main Advantage by such a Correspondency with the Clubs in *Virginia* and *Maryland*, will be Unanimity among us at *London*: For, upon acquainting them of such Persons that either will not come into, or break Agreements after made, they will find an easy and natural Way to make such Persons sensible of their Error; and, I think, nothing but Reason it should be so; for we are the Representatives or Delegates of a great many Thousand People, whose Bread (or at least a comfortable Livelihood) depends upon our good or bad Management. It is a melancholly Consideration, how much Money has been lost to *Virginia* and *Maryland*, by the low Price of Tobacco for some Years past; which, in a great Measure is owing to our Disagreement.

I am not unsensible many Objections may be made to what I now propose: As, That the *French* will be out of Humour, and so go to the Out Ports for Tobacco, which will give those Ports the Opportunity of clearing their Hands, while we are burthened with a Load upon our Hands; I know not but it may prove so: Even allowing that, I think we should try the Experiment. I make no doubt, when the
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