

Gentlemen of the Out-Ports find such a Demand come upon them, they will know how to make use of it; and the more, that their Tobacco is mostly their own Property.

BUT, on the other Side, we know the *French* cannot supply themselves at the Out-Ports with the Quantity they want; nor in Quality equal to Tobacco at *London*. But should they drain the Out-Ports, I fear that would be an Advantage to us, we shall in that Case have the *Dutch* Market all to our selves, which may more than make us Amends. But as I do not propose ever to run Tobacco up to very high Prices, I cannot see what should induce the *French* to desert *London*; No, not for a Time. They can be served so well no where else.

BUT to provide against the worst (expecting a Stop may happen for a Time, and may be inconvenient to some of our Number to keep their Tobacco lock'd up so long,) I think 'twill be the publick Interest to supply any such Person with what Sums of Money may be absolutely necessary for them; which may be done without any Charge or Hazard to the Body of the Trade, who I would have be the Lenders, upon Security of the Tobacco; the Borrowers to pay the Interest: Which Money may be raised by a voluntary Subscription among the Trade, and deposited in one, two, or three Hands, as shall be agreed upon; to be lent out in their Joynt Names to the Borrower, upon giving them Security upon their Tobacco, or otherwise as shall be agreed between the Lenders and Borrower.

W H E N we once established upon some certain Basis, as here hinted at, many Things would come under Consideration not now thought of.

A T H I S Meeting it is observed, we were look'd upon as a formidable Body, by the little Agreement that has been among us: But, were we thus united, we should be a formidable Body indeed, always capable