

able to support and defend the Trade. Such an Establishment will, I think, absolutely require a hired Secretary to do the common Business, and also to be a Means of keeping us together.

AT present I call not to mind farther, than that I think 'twill be very much for the Good of the Trade, that every Body refrain from sending Tobacco to *Holland* for Sale, but let the *Dutch* come here for it. There is a great Difference between us that are Importers upon other People's Accounts, sending Tobacco to *Holland*, and such as buy it here to make their Money of it again: Such if they have (as they will have) the Market in their own Power, if we forbear sending, will be careful how they part with their Tobacco without Profit, the End of Trade.

THOUGH I was not forward in last General Meeting, to declare my Sentiments, yet now (to this Committee,) I have been very frank and open, submitting all to your Correction; and wishing every Gentleman will as freely declare his Mind, that out of the Whole something may be digested, to be reported to the General Meeting, as necessary to be come into, for advancing the Trade, which is only what I have at Heart.

London, March 9, 1727-8.

John Falconer.

SINCE I wrote the Foregoing, some other Things have come into my Mind, which I am now willing to communicate; in Order (if possible) to bring us into a strict and regular Society, as the only Way to support the Trade.

FIRST then, Whatever shall be agreed upon, as the Articles of our Union, I propose may be fairly recorded in a new Book, by our Secretary, and Sign'd
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