

of them go out every Year, and the like Number of new Ones be appointed in their Room ; so that every Merchant in the Trade, may by Rotation have a Share of the chief Management.

THUS have I put down in Writing what occurred to my Thoughts, which I did not begin to do but since last Meeting : That will, I hope, atone for the undisgested Method they appear in ; and so I shall for this Time conclude, with only one Observation more.

AND that is, — I am well informed, Abundance of People in *Virginia*, and more in *Maryland*, that us'd to Consign their Tobacco to *London*, have (of late Years) declin'd Shipping, and Sold their Tobacco in the Country ; which has given the Out-Ports a greater Weight in the Trade than they us'd to have, and subtracted so much from *London* : Which ought, for the Interest of the Country, to be the chief Mart and Port, for that Commodity.

IF we be so happy to come into the proposed Method and Regulation, I question not but the People of *Virginia*, and *Maryland*, will find it more their Interest to Consign their Tobacco as they us'd to do, for their own Accounts, than to sell it to the Purchasers ; and to Consign it to *London*, preferable to any other Port ; which most certainly will be greatly their Interest, as it will take Weight out of the Scale of the Out-Ports, and add a double Weight to the Scale of *London*, who will thereby have it better in their Power to keep the Trade in due Order.

IN my Opinion, the Tobacco-Trade, tho' now at so low an Ebb, is capable to be made as Flourishing as any Trade belonging to *England*. But it can never be without Unanimity, and good Order among our selves ; and a settled Correspondence between us and our Principals in *Virginia* and *Maryland* ; who, by communicating Councils from one Side to the other, may regulate every Thing amiss
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