

THIS, if there were no other Objection, I think will be enough to deter the Managers from undertaking such a Task, unless they will be content to neglect their own private Affairs.

But were They to be content, I am afraid the other Merchants will not be willing to Submit all the Tobacco they have, come to the View and Directions of any Number of their own Body, for Reasons that need not be here mentioned.

NOT to say any thing of the Hinderance, such a Method will be to Business, at a Time of brisk Demand, when supposing the Seller may have very good Offers, yet must stand still, until he can get Five of the Managers together, which will be no easy Matter to do; besides the Time that will be lost in Sorting, Viewing and Valuing the Tobacco, and taking the Marks and Numbers; for without taking them, I cannot see how this Scheme can be complied with, to answer the End aimed at.

WERE this Method to be come into, I think it should not be the Managers, nor any of the Merchants that should be the Viewers; but Men specially appointed for that Work.

BUT where to find Men in all respects well qualified, I profess I know not. Such Viewers ought to be Men of nice Judgment in Tobacco, to put it into the sundry Sortments, and be able to carry in their Eye or Mind the different Qualities, so as to make the like Sortments at one Merchant's House, correspond with those at another Merchant's House; without doing of which, to Exactness, we shall not be upon an Equality, and some will be oppressed, while others get their Hands clear; and the more so, should such Viewers act with Partiality, or be corrupted by private Interest.

THESE are some of my Reasons against this Project, taking it in the Gross: But some Parts thereof, I think may and ought to be put in Practice.

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