

the People on the *Eastern Shore*, and about *Potomack*. If they do not endeavour to have their Tobacco at Market, as soon as their Neighbours of *Virginia*, they never can have a Price.

YOUR Assembly can do nothing to so Publick a Good, as to limit a Day, after which no Tobacco shall be shipped for that Year. I think Midsummer should be the longest Time allowed for Shipping, and from that Day to Christmas Day no Tobacco to be shipped on any Pretence. This would oblige People to get their Tobacco ready betimes, and then it would come Home in the Summer with a double Advantage: First, in better Quality free from Damage, and secondly to the Summer Market, which is always the best. In this Case, you would be upon a Level with *Virginia*; and we should, in some certain Time, know when we had all, and the Buyers done expecting for that Year. Ships coming as they have done of late, all the Year round, have distracted all our Buyers, and made Things so bad as they've been.

Among the rest of the Advices I would have come from you; One should be to request us to be sparing in sending Tobacco to *Holland* for Sale, or rather that you may absolutely prohibit us to send any of your Tobacco there, unless has been first long upon Hand, that must be shipped to save the Drawback. This I'm sure will be your Interest. Did the Buyers once know we were so restrain'd; where there is now One, we should have Twenty Buyers; and that of it self would advance the Market.

IT would render my Work very tedious, were I to make such Observations on this Letter as occur to me: But as the Sense is obvious, and as I am unwilling to depart from the Method I have prescrib'd to my self, of only giving a true Narrative of Facts, I shall therefore leave it to the Reader's own judicious Observation;