

Observation; and only remind him, that he will find the Restriction laid upon the Merchants not to send any Tobacco to *Holland*, in the Letter lately sent you, is here recommended. The next Letter from him was of the Second of *May*, directed to me in the *Colon*; Some Paragraphs whereof are as follow, viz.

‘ I am just come from the Meeting; where we
 ‘ stumbled at the Threshold, and had like to have
 ‘ broke all to Pieces: The Dispute happened upon
 ‘ a Question proposed by *Samuel Hyde*, in the following Words, viz.

‘ THAT such Persons who have collected or
 ‘ charged the Three Pence per Hoghead; and refuse to pay the same, ought not to vote at any
 ‘ of our Meetings, till they’ve discharg’d their
 ‘ Arrears.

‘ THIS Question rais’d very great Debates and
 ‘ Heats; Some absolutely refusing to pay any Thing
 ‘ for Years past, although they both own’d they
 ‘ had received and charged the Three Pence per
 ‘ Hoghead in their Accounts to their Friends. This,
 ‘ by those that were willing to pay all Arrears, was
 ‘ thought very unreasonable, that any Body should
 ‘ pretend to convert to their own private Use, the
 ‘ Three Pence per Hoghead that they had collected
 ‘ from other People, for the Publick Stock. Had
 ‘ Thou been present, I’m persuaded this Opposition
 ‘ would not have been made; which shews the
 ‘ Necessity of some Gentleman from *Maryland* being
 ‘ here Yearly, to over-look our Behaviour: We
 ‘ shall stand in Awe of their Presence. This Dis-
 ‘ pute makes me wish, That in your intended Letters
 ‘ to the General Meeting, you’ll signify your Desire,
 ‘ That all your Factors may make no Hesita-
 ‘ tion.