

by the Country, without the Assistance of the Legislature, ) was no more than Writing some such Letter to the Merchants from all Parts of the Country as is already so Universally approv'd, and sign'd in all Places, where it has yet been offer'd : What appears to me to be further necessary, and may be worthy of our Legislature's Consideration, is chiefly contain'd in Mr. *Falconer's* Letters before recited, in Relation to the fixing a certain Time for the Shipping off our Tobacco : The many Advantages and Conveniences that would attend such a Thing, are there so amply explain'd, that I need not add any Thing further to enforce them. And as lessening the Quantity, and mending the Quality of our Tobacco, is what every Body is already satisfy'd would be for the Universal Good ; and as I have formerly, and several other Gentlemen since, proposed such Methods as appear'd to us most Necessary, and Equitable for attaining that End, I Question not therefore, but our Legislature, will take the Whole under their Consideration, and do therein what is best for the Country. But as the Evil we labour under, proceeds very much from the Discord amongst the Merchants, to whom we Consign our Tobacco, which they themselves allow, I would therefore particularly recommend it to the Consideration of our Legislature, Whether some effectual Means may not be found to oblige 'em to a strict and steady Union. What occurs to me to be necessary for that Purpose is, to restrain every Master of Ship, from taking any Tobacco on Board, under severe Penalties, until he produces an authentick Certificate, that his Owner has bound himself in a Bond, under what Penalty the Legislature shall think convenient, to Mr. *Micajah Perry* for Instance, or some other principal Man of their Community, to abide by, and conform himself to what ever shall be agreed on, by such a Majority of their own Number, as they have