

proved that it ends too where it begins, his Point I think would have been fully carried.

MISCELLANEOUS Remarks.

I have met with two very credible Accounts, of the Number of Hogsheads of Tobacco, shipped in the scarce Year to *Britain*; one of them an imperfect one amounting to about Twenty five Thousand Hogsheads, the other Thirty five Thousand. Comparing either of these Numbers of Hogsheads shipped, and the Price Sold at in the Colony that Year, with those of any other Year, you may prove that the scarce Crop was one of the most valuable Crops that ever was raised in *Virginia*. Any Inconvenience or Distress then that could arise to the Inhabitants, could not arise from the Smallness but from the Unevenness of it alone. And supposing, that in such a Case, the Assembly are to interpose and rectify the unequal Distributions of Providence; how are they to proceed to Act Justly? Are they to take from all the Gainers by the scarcity, and especially the Rich, and distribute what is thus collected among the poor Sufferers only: Or are they to take from some of the least and poorest Gainers, and let all the Rich and chiefest Gainers come in for the largest Share of the Contributions with the Sufferers. If it be argued, that the proper Distinction could not have been made; then there should have been none made: For an improper one could not answer the End proposed, nor any good end whatsoever, except it be a good one, to leave Things worse than we find them by increasing that very Inequality, which we pretend to be desirous of removing. But it is denied, that a proper Distinction could not have been made. For every one, who knows that there are Warehouses in the Country, to which the Tobacco

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