

must be carried for Inspection, before it be Shipped, also knows, that what Tobacco every Man brought thither could have been ascertained to the utmost Nicety. And if the Persons, who engaged in so delicate a matter, as that of Property must needs be to a *British* Subject, would not take the necessary pains to do it as it ought to be done, to give general Satisfaction: I repeat it, that I am one of those who assume the Liberty to think, that they had better not have Meddled at all in so Nice a Business.

If there be not above Eighty Parishes in *Virginia*, as I believe there is not, at least there never has been above that Number tilled at one Time, the whole Tobacco coming to the Clergy, amounts to Twelve Hundred and Eighty Hogsheds, of a Thousand Weight each; and if the Crop ever fall so low as to Twenty five Thousand and Sixty Hogsheds, they will be entitled to one Twentieth Part of the Crop, but when it rises to Sixty Thousand Hogsheds, they will not be entitled to so much as a Fortieth: Nay their Proportion will be a good deal less in either of these Cases; because the Hogsheds in general are much above a Thousand Weight each, for what I know, Twelve Hundred, one with another. If there be One Hundred and Twenty eight Thousand Tithables in the Colony, the Income of the whole Clergy will come to Ten Pounds of Tobacco *per* Poll; one Third as much *per* Poll as is paid to the Clergy in *Maryland*. By the above reckoning a Parish at a medium contains Sixteen Hundred Tithables; and the poor Men, who have each of them one Tithable to pay for, throughout the Colony, when the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling are taken from the Parson, save one with another *two shillings and six Pence*. If in some
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