

Liber H. H. Aprill 28<sup>o</sup> Commis<sup>n</sup> Exiuit prout in Ordine to Councell to M<sup>r</sup>  
John Elzye M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Horsey, M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Thorne,  
Vid. fol. 167. & Cap<sup>t</sup> John Odber. vt supra in Ordine.

[Over-production of Tobacco.]

S<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Berkeley his Letter to the Leiut<sup>t</sup>  
Gräll of Maryland.

Right Honourable.

What necessities the Jnhabitants of these parts of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Dominions groane under by reason of the contemptible ualue of Tobaccoe, The only Comōdity wee haue yett fownd to subsist by. J thinke yo<sup>r</sup> owne sufferings as well as ours giue yo<sup>w</sup> such sensible though sad experience of, that J haue noe need to use any other Arguments to euidence the truth of the Demonstraōn. And as little to proue That the greate quantity made, is the only cause of the inconsiderableness of the price.

p. 174 This S<sup>r</sup> Comeing to his Ma<sup>ties</sup> knowledge, whose gracious Care extends to the remotest parts of his Dominions hee was pleased by his last instructions to mee, to propose to his Councell here, the languishing condicōn of this his first & most hopefull Colony. And among Our selues to Consider of some such Expedient, as might giue a stopp to that ruine which w<sup>th</sup>out it must ineuitably fall upon us.

His sacred Ma<sup>ty</sup> being also sensible that the Plantaōn of Maryland is soe incorporated w<sup>th</sup> this in Interest of Trade That noe effectuall remedy can bee applyed to one w<sup>th</sup>out the compliance of the other. Was pleased therefore to giue us directions to treat w<sup>th</sup> yo<sup>w</sup> about it.

Jn Obedience to these Royall Comānds J and the Councell here haue considered of the meanes of Redresse, & authorized the Gentlemen of the Councell Co<sup>ll</sup> Richard Lee, Co<sup>ll</sup> Robert Smith, Co<sup>ll</sup> John Carter, & M<sup>r</sup> Henry Corbin our Commis<sup>rs</sup> to communicate our Results to yo<sup>w</sup>, & appoynted the Eleuenth day of May next to bee the time, & the County Court howse of Northumberland County the place for Conference.

My earnest desyre is th<sup>t</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>r</sup> would not fayle to appoynt other Commis<sup>rs</sup> to meete them att that time that J may by this shipping render an account to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> of the issue of our Consultaōn, who J am sure expects it. And hath commanded mee to giue it. And further to certify him of yo<sup>r</sup> Acceptance or Refusall, Vppon w<sup>ch</sup> his ma<sup>ty</sup> himselfe hath promised to apply a suitable remedy.

I hope S<sup>r</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> owne Concernem<sup>ts</sup> w<sup>th</sup>out enforceing other Argum<sup>ts</sup> will induce yo<sup>w</sup> to p<sup>r</sup>forme my desyre of this meeting, att w<sup>ch</sup> I question not but such probable meanes of repaying