

The Trade of the Province is of late years greatly Decay'd the Price of Tobacco for several years has been so low, th^t the Makers of it have been brought to the want of many of the Necessarys of Life, & by their neglecting other things, & Trusting wholly to that, in hopes of an Amendm^t in its Value, They seem now almost reduced to an Incapacity of carrying on any considerable Trade Whatsoever. To prevent Illegal Trade, there are Officers appointed in the several Districts of the Province, pursuant to the Acts of Trade & Navigation. The number of Vessels belonging to this Province are about Sixteen Sloops, Two Snows & one Ship, the Number of Sea-faring Men are about 106; all the above-mention'd except one Sloop & the two Snows are built in this Province.

There is One Iron-Work Settled or two or three more which are not complet

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