

ing to their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Subjects of this Province of Maryland &<sup>ca</sup> ffor the Reasons hereafter (viz<sup>t</sup>). Original Journal.

ffirst. The Prohibition of Bulk tobacco will lessen their Mat<sup>ts</sup> Revenue very much because Every Ship that Can Carry away but 100 hh<sup>ds</sup> in Caske the same Shipp will Carry in Bulk 200 hh<sup>ds</sup> and soe Consequently for bigger or lesser Ships, and the Greater quantity of Tobacco that is imported in England is the Advancement<sup>t</sup> of their Maj<sup>ts</sup> Revenue, And further that Tob<sup>o</sup> that is Gen<sup>r</sup>ally Bulked is such meane darke tobacco that it will not pay the ffreight in Cask as ffreight at this Instant Runs, but being bulked the ffreight is lessened to one halfe, w<sup>ch</sup> makes such Tobacco in some demand, w<sup>ch</sup> oth<sup>r</sup> wise would not beare it; Therefore if the Merchant ffreighters should be Compelled to Transport the same in Caske Considering the Meanenes thereof they would not purchase such tobacco from the planters but the same would lye in the Countrey out of Demand & Useles, for Trade expects profit, & that profit arises Chiefly upon the lessening ffreight, then if that Cause be removed the Effect thereof Ceaseth, and Consequently that trade Extinguished w<sup>ch</sup> would very much lessen their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Revenue, Ruine their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Subjects here, Considering that almost one halfe of the Tobacco is such darke tobacco which payes their Ma<sup>ts</sup> as much duty as the Best Tob<sup>o</sup> and as trade Runs at this Instant there is not Ships Enough to Carry away all the Tobacco that is made, when they have used all the Wayes & Meanes that possible they Can yet great Quantities lies & rotts in the Countrey to the great prejudice of their Maj<sup>ts</sup> Revenews and Impouerishing their Maj<sup>ts</sup> Subjects here &<sup>ca</sup>

2<sup>ly</sup> If any act should pass the planters must of Necessity p. 74 leave of Makeing such Tobacco & apply themselves to Manufactory because all plantations will not bring bright Tobacco and Necessity is the Mother of Ingenuity, whoe finds out Saveing Inventions & Necessary Securities.

3<sup>ly</sup> The darke tobacco being Imported into England is neaver afterwards Exported or Seldome soe that it is vended in England paying 5<sup>d</sup> the pound to their Maj<sup>ts</sup> Raiseing the Revenues high, when as the bright Tobacco is Gen<sup>r</sup>ally Exported paying their Maj<sup>ts</sup> but a Small Duety; These Reasons Considered prayes yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> & Covncills Concurrance therein.

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>  
C Lomax Clk Assembly

Their Maj<sup>ts</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> Councill concurr w<sup>th</sup> the Opinion of the House therein.

Then Read the Opinion of the house Relateing to a Suffragan Bishop as follows, Viz<sup>t</sup>