

U. H. J. for the Production of Tobacco, the general Staple Commodity
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 Dec. 14 Necessity of supporting themselves by raising Grain and Provisions

That a very considerable Part of the Lands of the said Province tho' at the first Settlement thereof proper for the Production of Tobacco have by long Cultivation been for some Time past rendered entirely unfit for that Purpose, and the Occupiers of those Lands for their Support to convert them to the raising of Grain /especially Wheat/ and Provisions upon which they now entirely depend

That such of the Inhabitants of the said Province whose Lands are unfit for the Production of Tobacco have not any possible Means of raising Money to pay the Taxes already necessarily imposed, and probably to be imposed on them towards his Majesty's Service, and their own Defence and Security but by their Grain and Provisions

That notwithstanding the greater Part of the Inhabitants of the said Province are employed in the Cultivation of Tobacco their general Staple Commodity, yet they also more or less depend for their Support on the raising Grain and Provisions

p. 227 That for many Years past great Quantities of Grain, and Provisions, have been exported from the said Province, not only to his Majesty's Islands in the West Indies, and to his Plantations on the Continent to the great and mutual Advantage of all his good Subjects of those Islands and Plantations, but to Madeira, and several Places in Europe

That by Means of the Restrictions laid upon the Trade or Commerce of the Colonies in America by the Act of Parliament made in the thirtieth Year of his Majesty's Reign, entituled "An Act to prohibit for a limited Time the Exportation of Corn Grain Meal Malt Flour Bread Biscuit Starch Beef Pork Bacon, and other Victual except Fish and Roots and Rice, to be exported to any Part of Europe Southward of Cape Finisterre, from his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America, unless to Great Britain, or Ireland, or to some of the said Colonies and Plantations, and to permit the Importation of Corn and Flour into Great Britain and Ireland in neutral Ships, and to allow the Exportation of Wheat, Barley, Oats, Meal, and Flour, from Great Britain to the Isle of Man, for the Use of the Inhabitants there" great Quantities of Grain and Provisions are now perishing on the Hands of many of the Inhabitants of the said Province, notwithstanding the plentiful Supplies that have been afforded to his Majesty's Fleets and Armies in those Parts

That the great End and Design of the said Act we humbly conceive was to prevent his Majesty's Enemies being supplied with