

## MARYLAND GAZETTE.

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Mr. GREEN,

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I am pleas'd to insert the following in your next Gazette, hoping the Intent of it may be pleasing to your Readers; and if it should excite others of greater Ability to exert their Talents upon the Occasion, I have my Wish. I am your's, &c. A. B.

THE Province of Maryland is at present, and has for many Years past, labour'd under very great Difficulties, for the Want of their Staple Commodity, TOBACCO, being under a proper Regulation by Law, (for bettering and amending the Quality, and preventing Trash, and all other unmerchable Tobacco, being any Ways dispos'd of, either here, or shipp'd to any foreign Market); the Want of such a Law hath given Room for the making of so much Trash, which hath so far depreciated the Value of Tobacco, that the Makers cannot supply their distressed Families with proper Necessaries of Life: The Truth of which is too well known by many of the Inhabitants of the aforesaid Province.

AND as our Land Rents (due to the Lord Proprietor) are paid in Sterling Money, yearly, it hath been, for some Time past, with the utmost Difficulty, for great Part of the Inhabitants of this Province to comply with the same; and many have very much suffer'd, where Distresses have been made, by the extravagant Charges that have accrued thereon. This is also so well known, it needs no Proof; and in all Appearance, without some Amendment in our Staple Commodity, TOBACCO, by a Regulation by Law, it will grow worie and worie; and many be under Necessity of parting with their Lands, for much less than their Value.

To remedy the above Evils, it is therefore hop'd the Legislature will take the same into Consideration; and that it may be effected with Facility, the following Proposals are hereby annexed, in order to shew, that the Difficulties that may be objected, are not so great as some have imagin'd them.

*Charges to execute an Inspecting Law.*

Currency.

For being six Warehouses, of about 100 Feet long, 8 Feet wide, and 10 Feet Pitch, (each would, at least hold 700 Hogheads of Tobacco), were to be built for the Use of the Province, which may be compleatly finish'd for 60 *l.* Currency a House, will amount to ——— *l.* 3600 0 0  
Notwithstanding there may come three times the aforesaid Quantity of Hogheads of Tobacco in a Year, to some particular Landings, there would not be more than 700 Hogheads at any one time. 10 Acres of Land, bought to build the Warehouse on, at 3 *l.* Currency per Acre. ——— *l.* 180 0 0  
A Pair of good Scales and Weights, with Iron Chains, to weigh at least 1500 Weight each Pair, and all compleatly finish'd, at 35 *l.* Currency per Pair. ——— *l.* 2100 0 0  
— *l.* 5880 0 0

This Charge is only for one Year; and in or prompt Payment may be made, it is propos'd to borrow the above Sum of the Loan Office, for Use of the Province.

It is propos'd, that 120 Men, well skill'd in Tobacco, would be sufficient to attend the Warehouses, as Inspectors, two Men at each House; and and they may be allowed 30 *l.* Currency per Man, as they would be employ'd only about six or seven Months in a Year. ——— *l.* 3600 0 0

*A Method to defray the Charges that would attend such a Law.*

Currency.

As it is propos'd Borrowing the Sum of 5880 *l.* Currency, as *Per Contra*, of the Loan Office; in order to repay it to the Office, it may be done as follows:

By laying a Duty on all Rum, that shall be import'd into the Province, which reasonably may be suppos'd 60000 Gallons a Year, at 2 *d.* Currency per Gallon. ——— *l.* 300 0 0  
By laying a Duty on all Indented Servants, Convicts, and Slaves, which may be suppos'd 500 a Year, at 20 *s.* Currency per Head. ——— *l.* 500 0 0  
— *l.* 1000 0 0