

This S^{rs} Coming to his Ma^{ties} 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 condition of this his first &
 most hopeful Colony. And among our selves to Consider of
 some such Expedient, as might give a stopp to that ruine
 which wth out it must inevitably fall upon us.

His sacred Ma^{ty} being also sensible that y^e Plantation
 of Maryland is to be incorporated wth this in Interest of Trade
 that one effectually remedy can be applyed to one wth out
 the compliance of the other. Was pleased therefore to give
 us Directions to treat wth yo^r about it.

In Obedience to these Royall Commands I and y^e Councell
 here have considered of y^e means of Redress, & authori-
 zed the Gentlemen of y^e Councell Co^{ts} Richard Lee, Co^{ts}
 Robert Smith, Co^{ts} John Carter, & M^r Henry Corbin our Com-
 miss^{rs} to communicate our Reports to yo^r, & appointed the
 Eleventh Day of May next to be the time, & y^e County
 Court house of Northumberland County y^e place for Conference.

My earnest desire is y^e yo^r hon^{rs} would not fail to ap-
 point other Commis^{rs} to make them at that time that I
 may by this shipping render an account to his Ma^{ty} of
 the issue of our Consultation, who I am sure expects it. And
 hath commanded mee to give it. And further to certify
 him of yo^r Acceptance or Refusal, upon w^{ch} his Ma^{ty}
 himselfe hath promised to apply a suitable remedy.

I hope S^{rs} yo^r owne Governem^{ts} wth out enforcing other
 Argum^{ts} will induce yo^r to p^{er}forme my desire of this mee-
 ting, at w^{ch} I question not but such probable means of re-
 pairing the ruinous State of these two neighb^{rs} Plantations
 will be proposed as shall find in yo^r a ready embracement
 and acceptance.

This worthy Gentleman M^r Richard Bennett at the
 instance of mee & the Councell hath taken upon him-