

Is it not obvious to all Apprehensions that a Tobacco Merchant, especially if he be the Head of his Profession in *London*, must have more Interest in *Virginia* than in *Pensylvania*, his Correspondence being with the former, which produces the Commodity he traffics in, and not with the *Philadelphians*, who do not raise that Merchandize?

Is it not certain also from the Necessity of Trade, that he must have many outstanding and dubious Debts in that Colony, and from the Nature of Man, and more particularly from the Nature of a Quaker, that he must wish to have these hazardous Debts rendered more probable to be paid; and with this Intent, that he would embrace an Opportunity of putting his Debtors in a Way of discharging them whatever his Country might suffer? As his Correspondence is the largest of any Merchant's in this City with the Colony of *Virginia*, and his Interest the strongest with the M——r, he clearly foresaw that an Army sent to *Virginia* could not be sustained without large Sums of Money, and that the Remittance of it must fall to his Share: which very Circumstance being attended with at least two and a half *per Cent.* was an Object too replete with Advantages