

*Of preparing ground for planting, distance of one plant from another &c.*

The land that is intended for Tobacco, ought to be ploughed up as early in the spring as circumstances will permit, then to be well rolled and raked, for it is a maxim with husbandmen, that the better the land is pulverised "the better every thing grows that is put in it."—In Maryland they generally give about three feet distance from one plant to another, but where the land is very rich, a little more, and as the land is much richer in this province, (particularly on the River Thames,) than it is in any part of Maryland where they raise Tobacco, I think the plants ought to be at least from three feet two inches to three feet four inches apart. It must be obvious to every person, who ever paid any attention to the subject, how badly a plant grows in the shade, of course when Tobacco is planted too close, one half of the leaves on the stalk are robbed of a due proportion of light and air, and all the lower leaves will be thin and chaffy. I would advise the intelligent planter to make experiments, and on soils of equal strength to plant some Tobacco at three feet apart and some at three feet four inches, he will then be better able to judge which is best.

*Of the cultivation of Tobacco.*

We will now suppose the Tobacco planted and growing, but little hoe work is necessary.---In Maryland where men have level land to work and but few hands to do it, their Tobacco is weeded out with the hoe, they afterwards cultivate it with the plough, and indeed in new hilly land after their Tobacco is weeded out (provided their land is rich)