

Therefore the Planters have no Reason to be contented in this Particular.

And there are other insupportable Hardships still remaining, which I agree are not altogether to be imputed to the Factors, but to the Nature and Circumstances of the Trade, and some bad Customs that have prevailed in it, only in *London*.

It is notorious, that their Tobacco is frequently plundered before it is landed ; when it is weighed no more than Ten Pounds is deducted, and the rest pays the Duty ; when it is sold, the Retailer must have large and unreasonable Samples, and one 26th Part for Tret of what remains, clear of Duty ; besides, the Merchants must have other Samples, which are kept out of the Account.

This is clearly stated upon one Hog-shead in one of the Accounts above-mentioned, by which it appears that 739 *lib* paid Duty ; only 696 is weighed to the Buyer, and out of that 8 *lib*. for Draught and Sample, and 26 for Tret, is deducted ; so there remains but 662, for which the Planter receives a very low Price, not sufficient to balance the Charges.

And the same thing will appear in some Degree, I believe, in all the Accounts