

14th March 1788

The enquiries which motived the Application were made to your Excellency in Dec. last concerning the measures that were likely to be taken respecting Tobacco having been soon answered by the promulgation from Government to the last encouragement it gave to the Trade of the United States except knowing at what price the Farms is to receive the 11,000 lbs Tobacco it is to take Annually During the Remainder of its lease which we suppose we shall soon be informed of in like manner. The resolve of receiving the aforesaid quantity would be of little avail if it was left to the Farm to pay only what they thought proper for it.

The promises contained in Mr. Sambert's Official letter of the 29th Dec. of granting further Commercial Advantages, has suggested the idea to some of our New England friends of opening a new Branch from their States to this Country with Salt provisions of Butter Beef & pork in which they say they can rival the fish for quality & cheapness & think this a favourable Moment when the Interest of America is in agitation, to solicit encouragement thereto, by obtaining that Finance should

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Should supply the Navy with Am^{er} provisions instead of
fish, which it cannot procure when most wanted since
on the appearance of a rupture between England &
this country that power prevents Ireland by embargoes
to export and thither.

This matter we had in charge to lay before your
Excellency or the Consul General of the United States
but as we believe there is not at present one in
this country, we could not but trouble on the subject.

We have the honour to remain Respectedly
& your Excellency's most Obedt^h Humble Serv^t
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