

practical expediency a Point, which is of the more
 consequence to them, as they appear to have a Right to
 demand it; The only Objection which it seems can be made
 is, that of 1600, ~~000~~, which they had engaged to furnish,
 the State of Maryland hath in Reality received but one
 Half; This Objection, I say, appears to be null, if it is
 considered that this Change was ~~not~~ made by the
 full consent of both Parties, without it's having any
 Relation whatever to the Quantity of Tobacco once
 stipulated. It does not in any manner consist with
 such an Intention, and the Words of the Contract are
 too clear to be subjected to Restrictions.

It would be unnecessary to entertain your Excellency
 with a particular and circumstantial Detail of all
 that has passed in this Affair; The former Conduct of
 Mr. Dudley having been entirely approved, and the Contract
 signed between him and the said Merchants ratified
 by the Assembly of the State of Maryland, I should only
 give your Excellency a Relation of Facts and
 Circumstances, which you cannot but be acquainted with.
 I have no other News, in sending this, than to
 indicate to your Excellency the Requisition which has
 been ~~made~~ ^{made} made me, in my ministerial Quality, & if
 I ought to suppose that just Reasons, of which I am
 ignorant, have induced the State of Maryland
 to demand