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The prſent face of things here is very tumultuous. The French continually encroach and by venting of Peeces, & Powder strengthen ye Natives for civill warres, & gayne all ye Trade. The Natives themselves are very treacherous, cruell, & cunning, & let slip noe advantages of killing, & pilfering, if they may doe it, & not bee dɪscovered. The cōmon report is alſo, that ye Pattent is damned, in wᶜ'h regard much unſettlement is like to growe amongst o'=ſelves, & greate discouragement to ye whole plan=tation ffor thofe that are truly ſincere, & are come out to advance ye kinglye of ye Lord Jesus must either ſuffer in ye Caufe, or els labo' for fuch retreate, as God shall direct them to. In either of wᶜ'h cafes, I doe not doubte, but wⁿ'h in 2 yeares this Plantation, wᶜ'h is now flourishing, would become defolate, & either poſſesed agayn wⁿ'h Indians, or emptied by Pestilence. For it is not trade that God will fet up in theſe parts, but ye Peſſion of his trueth, and therefore if Gods ends bee not followed, Mens ends will never bee bleſszed, nor attayned.