

4 The Colony was this winter in much distress of victual so that English meal was sold at the rate of thirty shillings a bushel their own native Corn called Maize at ten and fifteen shillings the bushel, The which howsoever it lay heavy upon the shoulders of the Generality it may be suspected not to be unaffected by some of the chief, for they only having the means in these extremities to trade for Corn with the Natives do hereby engross all into their hands and so sell that abroad at their own prices, & my self have heard from the mouth of a prime one amongst them that he would never wish that their own Corn should be cheaper among them then eight shillings the bushel.

*Answer* 4 True it is that English meal hath of late since the Massacre been sold for Ten pounds of Tobacco the bushel which no understanding man can there value above fifteen shillings sterling and here we find (without a Massacre) by the judgment of God for our murmuring at plenty Wheat hath this year been sold and still is in many places at three times the rate it hath borne within two or three years last past: And again Indian Corn hath heretofore commonly been sold after the rate of five shillings the bushel, And farther meal bore so high a price this year as it cost ready money in England together with the freight & other charges near upon twelve shillings so that if it were sold at Ten pounds of Tobacco there will not be gained twenty in the hundred.

5 Their Houses are generally the worst that ever I saw the meanest Cottages in England being every way equal (if not superior) with the most of the best, And besides so improvidently and scateringly are they seated one from an other as partly by their distance but especially by the interposition of Creeks and Swamps as they call them they offer all advantages to their savage enemies & are utterly deprived of all sudden recollection of themselves upon any terms whatsoever.

*Answer* 5. ffirst that the houses there were most built for use and not for ornament and are so far from being so mean as they are reported that throughout his Majesties Dominions here, all laboring mens houses (which we chiefly profess our selves to be) are in no wise generally for goodness to be compared unto them And for the houses of men of better Rank and quality they are so much better and convenient that no man of quality without blushing can make exception against them; Again