

TOBACCO CORN & CAVIAR

greater quantity shall likewise follow hereafter as soon as it shall Come to our hands. We require therefore that you cause in every particular plantation great number of mulberry trees to be planted near their dwellings, and such as are already growing to be preserved for planting, of which many excellent books have been already sent in December last, unto which we refer you for your better direction therein, as also to divers French and other experienced men, late sent & procured at extraordinary charge, of whose general subsistence we expect your assiduous care.

16. *Item:* silk grass, being a commodity of special hope and much use, not with standing through negligence and want of experience, it hath lately been declared to be full of difficulty and hazard both in growing and curing, yet we do especially recommend unto your care and that you direct some good way to bring it to perfection by experimenting the soils, the seasons and true manner of cultivating of it, being confident that that which grows so naturally in those parts will much more by art and industry be at length brought to perfection, and being many ways so useful will bring great honor and profit unto the action.

17. *Item:* we do also especially recommend unto you the planting of vines in abundance and that the vigneron sent with so great charge to the Company be fairly & carefully provided for.

18. *Item:* we require also that all sorts of artsmen be employed in their several trades and that store of apprentices be placed & held to learn their occupations, especially those that are most useful or most commodious; and that you duly consider the qualities and trades of all those people sent over for the Companies or any of the Colonies service & that you cause them to be held to their trades and occupations wherein they are like to deserve & win most benefit; and not to suffer them to forsake their former occupations for planting tobacco or such useless commodities. And here we earnestly commend unto your care the Dutchmen sent for the erecting of sawing mills, a work most necessary since the materials for housing and shipping can not otherwise without much more trouble, pains and charge be provided; & although we have received some notice that fitting places for their works and not there easily found out, yet we hope that diligence fitting to be used in a case of so general benefit hath discovered how to make use of their skills by this time. Nor do we here apprehend any difficulty of finding accommodation for that purpose about the falls or towards the heads of some river or brooks by the station, whereof timber may be brought unto them very easily and by the current of the river the planks or boards sawn may