

Moreton of Baltimore Town as Custom House Officer appointed by the Hoñble the Comm̄rs of Boston, of a Sloop Called the Speedwell then Riding at anchor in Patapsaco River Said to be a Square Sturn vessel and belonging to New England, that a Libel was filed against the Said Sloop, in consequence whereof his Honour the Judge issued his Warrant to William Nevin Marshall of the Said Court to take possession of the Said vessel, but that before the Said William Nevin could get to Baltimore the Said Sloop was carried off. His Excellency was therefore pleased to request the advise of this Board in the above Matter.

Whereupon William Nevin was Called and appeared before this Honourable Board, who being first duly Sworn—Deposeth and Said, that on Monday the third instant he went up to Baltimore Town with a warrant to take into his possession the Sloop Speedwell Said to be a Square Stern vessel Seized by Robert Moreton and Libelled in the Admiralty Court of this Province, that after his arrival in Baltimore he made immediate and diligent Search for the Said vessel, but could not find her, and that he was informed She left Baltimore, the day before that the Said William Nevins Called at the house of M^r Robert Moreton Several times but Could not find him at home nor get any intelligence where he was, except that he received a Note from Said Moreton directing him, Should he be wanted to apply at the Custom House at Philadelphia, which Note the Said William Nevin exhibited to this Board.

On Consideration of the premises His Excellency with the advice of this Board was pleased to order that a Copy of the following Letter be Sent to the Several Collectors of his Majestys Customs with in this province.

(and which is as followeth.) Viz.^t

Sirs,

I am directed by his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Council to acquaint the Several Collectors of his Majestys Customs within this province that M^r Robert Moreton an officer appointed by the Hoñble the Comm̄rs of Boston, hath lately filed a libel in the Admiralty Court here against a Sloop then riding at Anchor in Patapsco River Called the Speedwell Said to be a Square Sterned vessel and to belong to New England, but before the Marshall of the Court could get up to Baltimore in order to take the vessel into his possession She was carried off.

His Excellency therefore desires you will not on any account clear out the Said Sloop Should application be made to you for that purpose but take the first opportunity of Seizing her that may offer and acquaint the Hoñble G. Stuart Esq.^r Judge of the Admiralty Court of this province immediately therewith—

I am &c :