

The humble Petition of John Stevenson in Behalf of himself and William Walton Esq<sup>r</sup> of New York Merchant, most humbly  
Sheweth

Lib. J. R.  
& U. S.

That in Pursuance to an Agreement with the Governor, and Royal Officers of Fort S<sup>t</sup> Augustin by the said William Walton he had contracted for one thousand Barrels of Flour with your Petitioner to be delivered at Baltimore Town to such Vessel or Vessels of his as should have Orders to call for them; on the general Prohibition being ordered from England for exporting Provisions to any neutral Ports, the aforesaid William Walton applied to the Governor and Council at New York, the Minutes of which I have laid before you who after maturely considering the Contract, and being thoroughly satisfied that there was no Design to supply the Enemy, gave Orders to the Custom House to clear out his Vessels to Fort S<sup>t</sup> Augustin, your Petitioner would most humbly beg as the Trade of this Province is in a great Measure concerned, that your Excellency and Honours would take it into your serious Consideration, and give Orders for the clearing of a Sloop belonging to the said Walton that will carry seven hundred Barrels of Flour, being Part of the three thousand contracted for the Relief of the said Garrison of Fort Saint Augustin, and to enable the said Walton to comply with his Contract his Vessels to the Northward being taken into his Majesty's Service as Transports.

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Province of New York. At a Council held at Fort George, in the City of New York, on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of February 1757:

Present

His Excellency S<sup>r</sup> Charles Hardy Kn<sup>t</sup> Captain General &c.

M <sup>r</sup> Kennedy	}	M <sup>r</sup> Chambers
Lieut <sup>t</sup> Gov <sup>r</sup> Delancey		M <sup>r</sup> Smith
M <sup>r</sup> Horsmanden		

M<sup>r</sup> Horsmanden from the Committee to whom the Memorial of William Walton Esq<sup>r</sup> was referred by Order of the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of January last, read and presented to his Excellency the Committee's Report thereupon, which upon the Question being put was agreed to, and approved of and ordered to be entred in the Minutes, and is as follows.

May it please your Excellency

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In Obedience to your Excellency's Order in Council of the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of January last, The Committee have had under