

Lib. C. B. At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday the
No. 20 8th day of May in the 20th year of his Lordship's Dominion
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Were Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq^r Governor.

The Hon^{ble} { Charles Hammond Esq^r Walter Dulany Esq^r
Benedict Calvert Esq^r George Steuart Esq^r
Daniel Dulany Esq^r John Beale Bordley
John Ridout Esq^r Esq^r

His Excellency was pleased to lay before this Board the following Letters from Governor Penn.

Philadelphia the 5th of March 1770

Sir

His Majesty having thought proper to commit the future Management of the Indian Trade to the several Colonies I beg leave to acquaint you that the Legislatures of New York and this Province have in order to conform themselves to His Majesty's gracious Intentions respectively passed Laws for appointing Commissioners to meet with those who may be appointed by the Neighbouring Colonies to form and agree on a General Plan for the Regulation of that Trade. But as the good Purposes of this Design cannot be effectually answered without the Concurrence of all the Governments concerned therein; I thought it necessary to take the earliest Opportunity of requesting you will recommend to your Assembly to adopt the same Measure and to cooperate with the other Colonies in promoting the Success of a Matter so essential to the Tranquility and Prosperity of the whole. Governor Colden informs me that he shall lose no Time in communicating this Proposal to the Governor of Quebec; and I am now writing to Lord Botetourt on the same Subject.

I am with great Regard Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

His Excellency Rob^t Eden Esq^r

John Penn.

Philadelphia April 24th 1770.

Sir

I beg leave to enclose you a Copy of a Letter from Governor Colden to me and also a Copy of one to him from the Governor of Quebec by which you will perceive that those Gentlemen have agreed that the City of New York is the most convenient place for the Meeting of the Commissioners of the several Governments for forming the intended Plan for regulating the Indian Trade and that M^r Colden and his Majesty's Coun-