

and hath been informed of Sir Thomas Adams Captain of the Boston Man of War, and hath been carried down to Hampton in Virginia to be tryed under such Seizure in the Admiralty Court there. Your Petitioner apprehending said Vessel not liable to any Seizure, or to any Tryal in the Admiralty Courts of the Colony of Virginia humbly prays that your Excellency would take the Premisses into Consideration and Interfere in the Affair by Letter to Lord Bottetourt or otherwise as to your Excellency shall seem Expedient and as in Duty bound he will pray &c.

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Whereupon and upon Consideration of the Matter represented in the above Petitions the Members present are of Opinion that as the River Potowmack is entirely within the Limits of Maryland as described in his Lordship's Charter and the Jurisdiction thereon is by the said Charter vested in him, a Trial of the Vessels and Cargoes represented to have been thereon Seized by Sir Thomas Adams cannot be had in the Admiralty Court of Virginia without an Infringement of his Lordship's Rights and therefore they think it expedient that his Lordship's Attorney General be instructed to proceed with all convenient Dispatch to Williamsburgh and in Case the said Vessels shall be Libelled in the Court of Admiralty there, to protest on behalf of his Lordship against the said Courts exercising any Jurisdiction on the said River Potowmack They are likewise of Opinion that it may be greatly to the Interest of the Lord Proprietary that the Honourable Daniel Dulany Esq^r assist the Attorney General with his Advice on this Occasion if the Indisposition which prevented his attending this Meeting will permit him to undertake the Journey.

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Monday the 16th day of July in the Twentieth year of his Lordship's Dominion Anno Domini 1770.

Present His Excellency Robert Eden Esq^r Governor.

The Hon^{ble} { Benedict Calvert Esq^r Walter Dulany Esq^r
 { John Ridout Esq^r George Steuart Esq^r

The Proceedings of yesterday being Read and the Consideration of the Petitions then laid before this Board being resumed the Members are of Opinion it will be expedient that the Attorney General carry with him an Authenticated Copy of the Charter of Maryland and that he be directed to allow the Petitioners to have the benefit thereof at Williamsburgh if the Admiralty Court there should proceed to a Trial of the Seizures.