

Lib. C. B. At a Council held at the House of the Honourable Daniel  
No. 20 Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup> in the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of July in the Twentieth year of his Lordship's Dominion  
Anno Domini 1770.

Were Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> { Daniel Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup>                      Walter Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup>  
                  { John Ridout Esq<sup>r</sup>                     George Steuart Esq<sup>r</sup>

His Excellency was pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter to Lord Bottetourt, intended to be sent by the Attorney General, which was Read and approved of.

Annapolis 17<sup>th</sup> July 1770

My Lord

The Gentlemen who will have the Honour to present this to your Lordship is M<sup>r</sup> Jenings the Attorney General of Maryland who goes to Williamsburgh at this Time on Account of a late Transaction in this Province, of which I presume your Lordship has already received Information.

p. 115 It has been represented to me, that several Vessels lately Seized in the River Potowmack by Sir Thomas Adams Commander of the Boston Frigate or One of his Officers, are carried to Virginia in order to be Libelled and Prosecuted in the Admiralty Court in that Dominion. I need not inform your Lordship that the whole River Potowmack is within the Limits of Maryland as described in the Royal Charter from his Majesty King Charles the First to the Right Honourable Cecilius Baron of Baltimore Ancestor of the present Lord Proprietary and that the several Islands which lye in the said River are held by Patent from the Maryland Land Office, One or more of them I am told by a Gentleman of your Council.

The abovementioned Seizures having therefore been made within the Jurisdiction of this Province I think it incumbent on me to intimate to your Lordship that I conceive the Admiralty Court in Virginia cannot take Cognizance thereof or intermeddle therein in any manner without an Infringement of the Charter Rights of my Constituent, the Right honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province which Rights I am confident your Lordship has not the least Desire or Inclination to infringe, and I flatter myself you will, as far as shall be consistent with the Duty of your Station prevent every Violation of them by any Court or Officer in your Government.

In this Confidence I recommend M<sup>r</sup> Jenings to your Countenance and good Offices, in Case he should find himself under a Necessity of taking any Step on this Occasion at Williams-