

Lib. C. B. sideration whereof it was Ordered that a Pardon issue in
 No. 20 Behalf of the aforesaid Negro Dick, which Issued accordingly.

His Excellency was pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter which he had received from Thomas Jenings Esq^r his Lordship's Attorney General.

Annapolis Aug^t 2nd 1770.

Sir.

In Pursuance of the Commission and Instructions which I had the Honor to receive from your Excellency, I embarked for the City of Williamsburgh where I arrived the 24th of last Month and immediately waited on Lord Botetourt to whom I delivered your Excellency's Letter and acquainted him with the Nature of the Commission with which I was intrusted: His Lordship received me with great Politeness, and expressed his unwillingness to embroil the two Provinces in a Contest concerning their respective Jurisdictions and was pleased to assure me that your Excellency's Opinion of his Sentiments in this particular communicated in your Letter to him was entirely conformable to the Principles he entertained, and added that he looked on it to be an indispensable Duty of the Supreme Magistrates in every Government to preserve inviolate the Rights of the different Colonies. His Lordship further observed that the Business with which I was commissioned did not properly fall within his Department but from the Information he had received on this Subject he apprehended the Vessels were illegally Seized and that no Suit would be instituted for their Condemnation.

In order to obtain a further Knowledge whether any Libel was filed or Process issued in consequence of the Seizures I applied to the Judge of the Court of Admiralty who informed me it was the Opinion of his Majesty's Advocate that the Proceedings in this Instance were unjustifiable and therefore he imagined nothing further would be done in Prosecution of the Affair.

As I had not an Opportunity of receiving any certain Information at Williamsburgh relative to the Fate of these Vessels the commanding Officer of the Boston Frigate not being there, I thought it expedient to Visit him on Board that I might be acquainted with the Measures he intended to pursue in Justification of his Conduct; Sir Thomas Adams was then
 p. 118 Absent on a Tour for his Health whereby the Command devolved on his first Lieutenant M^r Glassford, to whom I delivered your Excellency's Letter. He expressed great Concern for the precipitate Steps which had been taken, and excused the Officers on Account of their Inexperience, having