

never been stationed on the Coast before, which obliged them to rely on the opinions of others who he was afraid had in this Instance greatly abused their Confidence and Credulity; He declared his Consciousness of the Impropriety of the Seizures, and on my requesting him to order the Vessels to be released he gave directions for that Purpose and they were immediately put into Possession of the Owners.

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This Affair having thus happily terminated in Support of his Lordship's Jurisdiction, I thought it my Duty to communicate to your Excellency a Detail of my Proceedings.

I have the Honour to be, with great Respect

Your Excellency's most Obedient and most h^{ble} Serv^t
His Excellency Robert Eden Esq^f Tho^s Jenings
Governor of Maryland.

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Saturday the Fifteenth day of September in the Twentieth year of his Lordship's Dominion Anno Domini 1770.

Were Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq^f Governor.

The Hon^{ble} { Benedict Calvert Esq^f John Beale Bordley Esq^f
Daniel Dulany Esq^f George Steuart Esq^f
John Ridout Esq^f

His Excellency was pleased to lay before this Board the following Papers and to request their Advice thereon.

To His Excellency Robert Eden Esq^f

May it please your Excellency

We the Clergy of the Established Church of England in this your Government of Maryland, now met in Annapolis beg leave to approach your Excellency gratefully to acknowledge not only your many personal Civilities to ourselves but what we most Esteem the obliging attention you have been pleased ever to shew to the Interests of the Church. Concerned as we are by Duty as well as Inclination to promote these Interests we conceive we can no way more effectually accomplish this than by deporting ourselves so as to deserve a Continuance of your Excellency's Favour and Protection. With this View therefore we now take the Liberty of laying before you an Account of the Business for which this Meeting was called together.

The Original intention of our Meeting was farther to consider on the charitable Fund; but finding ourselves obliged to postpone this on Account of the Charter's not being yet arriv'd