

Business, M.<sup>r</sup> Moreton went on board again, and finding them thus employed informed them that they had broke bulk before entry, and that therefore the Vessel & Cargo were liable to be seized, but without saying more, or doing any act to evince his Intention he went off, and came down here where he libelled her, obtained a Warrant for the Marshall from the Court to take possession of her, and we are informed accompanied the Marshall from hence on that Business, but parted with him before he got to Baltimore, upon the Marshall's inquiring after the Vessel he was told She was gone to the Fishery at the head of the Bay to dispose of the salt he thereupon returned home, and M.<sup>r</sup> Moreton hav[e] not been heard off since: Upon the Vessel's landing the salt at the head of the Bay she was brought down here, the day for her trial appointed, and M.<sup>r</sup> Moreton sought after as far as Philadelphia to no purpose, upon that's being the case we went into the Trial on the 1.<sup>st</sup> instant, and the Judge after hearing the evidence and the Council for and against her, Condemned the Vessel, her Tackle, apparel and Furniture for having broke Bulk before Entry, and accordingly she was appraised and sold for forty six Pounds Sterling.—M.<sup>r</sup> Moreton's behaviour upon this occasion has been severely considered as being too much *Satan* like, in first giving leave to land, & afterward taking advantage of that step, of which he was the only cause, to the destruction of the Vessel to the owners. The Governor looks upon the Condemnation as brought about so unfairly by Moretons means that he relinquishes his third of the Seizure to the Crown, & the Judge, the attorney General, the advocate for the Claimant & the other Officers of the Court has in imitation of his worthy example relinquished their Fees to the Owner also: May we therefore presume to recommend the hardship of this Condemnation to Your Honors consideration, and hope that you will be pleased to view it in that Limitive Light which we feell much better than we can describe; and that if you incline to favour the Owner by relinquishing in behalf of the Crown you will be pleased to signify the same by the first convenient opportunity."

## APPENDIX III

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COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTOMS AT BOSTON TO GOV. ROBERT EDEN,  
JULY 6, 1773

Sir

MS Gilmor  
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Our Officer M.<sup>r</sup> Moreton whom we had Stationed at Baltimore in your Province for the Service of His Majesty's Revenue having complained to us that he has been obstructed in the Execution of his Duty, and under a necessity of quitting his Port by the Threats of the people against him on Account of a Seizure he made at that place of a Vessel called the Speedwell, for breach of the acts of Trade, and having received a Letter from our Officers at Annapolis