

The report continuing stated that the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs approved of the petition of the guardians of Henry Harford and ask his Majesty to approve of the reappointment of Eden as Governor of Maryland which his Majesty in Council did on March 5, 1773.

See also *Acts of the Privy Council, Colonial Series, 1766-1783*, p. 556, and Letter of Transmittal, p. xi.

II. *Amount of tonnage of vessels entering Maryland from September 29, 1769, to September 29, 1771.* Governor Robert Eden furnished the Speaker of the Lower House this information in connection with the proposed erection of a lighthouse at Cape Henry. See introduction, pp. xxii-xxiii and p. 107 of the text for the Governor's letter of October 16, 1771, in which he refers to this shipping data which he is sending the Delegates through their Speaker.

III. *Proceedings in the case of Robert Moreton, Customs Officer, May-July, 1773.* It appears that the Sloop *Speedwell*, because of her master's failure to properly enter her cargo, had been libelled by Robert Moreton, his Majesty's Customs Officer at Baltimore (*Maryland Gazette*, Feb. 4, 1773, has notice of Moreton's appointment).

The case is discussed in the Council Proceedings for May 6, 1773, and in the following letters and depositions:

Letter from Robert Moreton to [Gov. Robert Eden], May 10, 1773; Extract of a letter from Robert Moreton to the Commissioners of the Customs at Boston, May 28, 1773; Extract of a letter from the Collector and Deputy Comptroller of the Customs at the Port of Patuxent to the Commissioners [of Customs at Boston?], June 10, 1773; Commissioners of Customs at Boston to Gov. Robert Eden, July 6, 1773; Depositions of John McMachan and James Gaddes, May 10, 1773.

The proceedings of the Maryland Council mentioned above are printed from a photostat copy of the Peter Force transcripts of these proceedings now in the manuscript division of the Library of Congress. As the General Assembly was not in session at this time, that is, during May, 1773, the Council was holding its meeting as the Governor's advisory body and not as the Upper House of the Assembly. If the original records of these proceedings could have been found, they would, of course, have been used. It is greatly to be regretted that no original records of the proceedings of the Council since the meeting held on Sept. 24, 1770, have ever been located (*Arch. Md.* XXXII).

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