

At a Council held Feb^y 17. 1770

Present
His Excellency the Governour

Thomas French Esq. - Ed^o W^m Howard Esq. and
The Hon^{ble} J^{es} J^ons^{on} Esq. - Ed^o W^m Curvey. &

Cap^t John Darroctt Comander of the Ship Susanah
of Barnstable a Trader within Province in Chester River
Complains to his Ex^{ty} and the Board that in force
by the late Act of Assembly for Encouragement of Towns
he is obliged to keep store and sell his goods in Towns
But that there is no Towne Buill where he Trades so
that he is under the Delimitas Dist^r of Exposing his
goods to the weather desert his continued place of Trade
or render himself obnoxious to the severity of the said
Act of Assembly.

Colonel Thomas Smith late Speaker of the
House of Delegates being present at the Board his Ex^{ty}
was pleased to ask him how it came to pass that the
Assembly had not made provisions in case Towns
Store houses were not Buill in due time.

To which he answered that as Sure it was
the Intention of the Assembly to have done so as may
be seen by giving Liberty to the Inhabitants to Buill
until September next.

Whereupon his Ex^{ty} the Governour
together with Ed^o Thomas Smith and Mr. Justice
were of opinion in any Reason.