

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Petition.

That His Excellency Henricus Sharpe Esq. Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over the Province of Maryland, &c. &c. and to the honorable Members of His Lordship's Council.

The humble Petition of John Amerson in Behalf of himself and William Walton Esq. of New York Merchant, most humbly

sheweth

That in Pursuance to an Agreement with the Governor, and Royal Officers of Fort St. Augustin by the said William Walton he had contracted for one thousand Barrels of Flour with your Petitioner to be delivered at Baltimore, &c. to such Vessels or Vessels of his as should have Orders to call for them, on the general Prohibition being ordered from England for exporting Provisions to any neutral Ports, the aforesaid William Walton applied to the Governor and Council at New York, the Minutes of which I have laid before you, who after maturely considering the Contract, and being thoroughly satisfied that there was no Design to supply the Enemy, gave Orders to the Custom House to clear out his Vessels to Fort St. Augustin, your Petitioner would most humbly beg as the Trade of this Province is in a great Measure concerned, that your Excellency and Honours would take it into your serious Consideration, and give Orders for the clearing of a Ship belonging to the said Walton that will carry seven hundred Barrels of Flour, being Part of the three thousand contracted for the Relief of the said Garrison of Fort Saint Augustin, and to enable the said Walton to comply with his Contract his Vessels to the Northward being taken into his Majesty's Service as Transport.

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Province of New York.

At a Council held at Fort George in the City of New York, on Monday the 21. Day of February 1757.

Present.

His Excellency S. Charles Hardy, Genl. Captain General &c.

- Mr. Kennedy
- Lieut. Genl. Delancey
- Mr. Hammond
- Mr. Chambers
- Mr. Smith

Mr. Hammond from the Committee to whom the Memorial of William Walton Esq. was referred by Order of the 31. Day of January last, read and presented to his Excellency the Committee's Report thereupon, which upon the Question being put was agreed to, and approved of and ordered to be entered in the Minutes, and is as follows.

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