

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq: Governour and Commandour in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland

The humble Petition of Joseph Croser of Baltimore County Merchant

Sheweth

That your Petitioner is sole owner of the Schooner named Henry (alias Commander built on Patuxent River in the Province aforesaid.

That your Petitioner had on Board the said Schooner, and before the Embargo laid two hundred Barrels of Flour, eighty Barrels of Bread, and some more intended for some of his Majesty's Plantations in North America.

That your Petitioner being on the Road to the City of Annapolis in Order to clear out the said Vessel intended as aforesaid having his full Cargo on Board and on this side Patuxent Ferry some Miles a certain M^r Charles Christie who informed him after some Conversation had between them that the Day before there was an Embargo laid upon all Vessels, and that he might as well return back again, which your Petitioner did accordingly. And forasmuch as the Goods onboard the said Schooner are likely to perish and rendered not merchantable without being relieved by your Excellency, your Petitioner humbly prays you would order the said Vessel and Cargo may be cleared out to such of his Majesty's Plantations as your Petitioner shall recommend or to the Port of Norfolk in the Colony of Virginia, and he will pray &c.

24. May 1757. Then came Henry (alias Master of the Schooner Anson, before me the Subscriber one of his Lordship's the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his Justices of the Provincial Court and made Oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the Bread, Flour, and Corn mentioned in the above Petition were on board at the Time therein mentioned.

Sworn to before Geo. Stewart

Ordered upon reading the aforesaying Petition of Joseph Croser, that the Officers of the Customs at the City of Annapolis clear out for Norfolk in the Colony of Virginia the Schooner Anson, Henry Croser Master he having on Board the said Schooner two hundred Barrels of Flour eighty Barrels of Bread, some Indian Corn and Lumber the said Henry Croser complying with all the Laws now in Force in this Province.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Friday the 21st Day of May, in the seventh Year of his Lordship's Dominion Anno Regni Domini 1757

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Governour

The Honourable Benjamin Taffer Esq: Col: Charles Hammond, and Col: Benjamin Taffer.

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