

At a Council held at the Governours on Sunday the 15 day
of July in the Twentieth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1770.

Were Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq. Governor
The Honble { Benedict Calvert Esq.
 { John Ridout Esq.
 Walter Dulany Esq.
 George Stuart Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the Two following Petitions requesting their
Opinion and Advice thereon. —

To His Excellency Robert Eden Esq. Governor and Commander in Chief in and over
the Province of Maryland —

The humble Petition of Charles Ridgely Junr. Charles Ridgely Junr.
and John Ridgely of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland Iron Masters. —
Sheweth That your Petitioners some time in the Month of June last past made a Contract and
Agreement with Robert Peter of George Town in the said Province Merchant for the Sale and Delivery
of One hundred Tons of Pigg Iron for the Consideration of Five hundred and Twenty five Pounds
Sterling Sixty Tons thereof to be delivered to the said Peter at Nanjemoy on the Maryland side of Poto-
mack River and the other forty Tons at George Town on the said River and in the aforesaid Province
of Maryland. — That your Petitioners in Compliance with their said Contract afterwards in the
same Month of June Shipped on Board the Schoop Nelly Sixty Tons of the said Iron to be delivered
at Nanjemoy as aforesaid and Forty Tons on Board the Schooner Polly to be delivered at George Town
as aforesaid — That the said Two Vessels were afterwards Seized in Potomack River with the
said Pigg Iron on Board by Sir Thomas Adams Capt. of the Boston Man of War and are now
carried into the Colony of Virginia to be there tryed under the aforesaid Seizure in the Court of Vice
Admiralty there. — That your Petitioners apprehend their Iron in the said Vessels is not
liable to Seizure or Condemnation or to any Tryals in the Vice Admiralty Courts of the said Colo-
ny of Virginia — That your Petitioners propose and intend to plead to the Jurisdiction of the Court
of Vice Admiralty of the said Colony of Virginia — That your Petitioners are apprehensive that the
Charter of the Province of Maryland under the Great Seal of England may be necessary for that pur-
pose and therefore pray your Excellency to direct that the same may be delivered to your Petitioners
for the purpose aforesaid or that your Excellency would make such further or other Order in the Pre-
misses as to your Excellency shall seem necessary and expedient for the Relief of your Petitioners
And as in Duty bound they will pray &c

To His Excellency Robert Eden Esq. Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and
over the Province of Maryland. —

The Humble Petition of James Christie Junr. of Baltimore County
Merchant, Sheweth, That he is part Owner of a Schooner Vessel called the Polly of about thirty Tons
Burthen that hath been employed for some time past in Trading up and down Chesapeak Bay from
one part of the Province to another part of said Province. — That the said Vessel being on her Voyage
from Baltimore Town to George Town on Potomack in this Province loaded with Pigg Iron was
lately Seized in Potomack River by Directions as your Petitioner believes and hath been informed of
Sir Thomas Adams Captain of the Boston Man of War, and hath been carried down to Hampton
in Virginia to be tryed under such Seizure in the Admiralty Court there. — Your Petitioner appre-
hending said Vessel not liable to any Seizure, or to any Tryals in the Admiralty Courts in the Admi-
rality Courts of the Colony of Virginia humbly prays that your Excellency would take the premises
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