

into Consideration and Interfere in the Affair by Letter to Lord Botsclourt or otherwise as to your Excellency shall seem expedient and as in Duty bound he will pray &c.

Whereupon and upon Consideration of the Matter represented in the above Petitions the Members present are of Opinion that as the River Potomack is entirely within the Limits of Maryland as described in his Lordships Charter and the Jurisdiction thereon is by the said Charter vested in him a Trial of the Vessels and Cargoes represented to have been thereon Seized by Sir Thomas Adams cannot be had in the Admiralty Court of Virginia without an Infringement of his Lordships Rights and therefore they think it expedient that his Lordships Attorney General be instructed to proceed with all convenient Dispatch to Williamsburgh and in case the said Vessels shall be libelled in the Court of Admiralty there, to protest on behalf of his Lordship against the said Courts exercising any Jurisdiction on the said River Potomack. They are likewise of Opinion that it may be greatly to the Interest of the Lord Proprietors that the Honourable Daniel Dulany Esq. assist the Attorney General with his Advice on this Occasion if the Indisposition which prevented his attending this Meeting will permit him to undertake the Journey. —

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Monday the 10th day of July in the Twentieth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1770.

Present, His Excellency Robert Eden Esq. Governor

The Honble. { Benedict Calvert Esq. Walter Dulany Esq. }
 { John Ridout Esq. George Stewart Esq. }

The Proceedings of Yesterday being Read and the Consideration of the Petitions therein laid before this Board being resumed the Members are of Opinion it will be expedient that the Attorney General carry with him an Authenticated Copy of the Charter of Maryland and that he be directed to allow the Petitioners to have the benefit thereof at Williamsburgh if the Admiralty Court there should proceed to a Trial of the Seizures. —

At a Council held at the House of the Honourable Daniel Dulany's Esq. in the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the 17th day of July in the Twentieth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1770.

Here Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq. Governor

The Honble. { Daniel Dulany Esq. Walter Dulany Esq. }
 { John Ridout Esq. George Stewart Esq. }

His Excellency was pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter to Lord Botsclourt, intended to be sent by the Attorney General, which was Read and approved of. —
Annapolis 17th July 1770.

My Lord The gentleman who will have the Honour to present this to your Lordship is M^r. Tenors the Attorney General of Maryland who goes to Williamsburgh at this time on Account of a late Transaction in this Province, of which I presume your Lordship has already received Information. —

It has been represented to me, that several Vessels lately Seized in the River Potomack