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on a Tour for his Health whereby the Command devolved on his first Lieutenant M^r Glasford, to whom I delivered your Excellency's Letter, He expressed great Concern for the precipitate Steps which had been taken, and excused the Officers on Account of their Inexperience, having never been stationed on the Coast before, which obliged them to rely on the Opinions of others who he was afraid had in this Instance greatly abused their Confidence and Credulity, He declared his Consciousness of the Impropriety of the Seizures, and on my requesting him to order the Vessels to be released he gave directions for that Purpose and they were immediately put into Possession of the Owners. --

This Affair having thus happily terminated in Support of his Lordships Jurisdiction, I thought it my Duty to communicate to your Excellency a Detail of my Proceedings. --

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq^r
Governor of Maryland. --

I have the Honour to be, with great Respect
Your Excellency's most Obedient and most h^{ble} Serv^t
Tho^s Jennings.

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Saturday the Fifteenth day of September in the Twentieth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1770.

Were Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq^r Governor
The Gentl^{en} { Benedict Calvert Esq^r John Beale Bordley Esq^r
 { Daniel Dulany Esq^r George Stuart Esq^r
 { John Ridout Esq^r

His Excellency was pleased to lay before this Board the following Papers and to request their Advice thereon. --

To His Excellency Robert Eden Esq^r
May it please your Excellency

We the Clergy of the Established Church of England in this your Government of Maryland, now met in Annapolis beg leave to approach your Excellency gratefully to acknowledge not only your many personal Civilities to ourselves but what we most Esteem the obliging attention you have been pleased ever to shew to the Interests of the Church. Concerned as we are by Duty as well as Inclination to promote these Interests we conceive we can no way more effectually accomplish this than by departing ourselves so as to deserve a Continuance of your Excellency's Favour and Protection. With this View therefore we now take the Liberty of laying before you an Account of the Business for which this Meeting was called together.

The Original intention of our Meeting was farther to consider on the charitable Fund, but finding ourselves obliged to postpone this on Account of the Charter's not being yet arriv'd We have been naturally led to consider the present Circumstances of the Maryland Clergy and after the fullest and maturest Deliberation We have unanimously resolved that it is highly becoming us to make an Effort as far as in us lies to introduce if possible Episcopacy into America: a Measure so highly reasonable, so absolutely necessary at this Crisis to the Colonies in general, and we add to Maryland in particular and so peculiarly befitting the Clergy of this Province to be amongst the foremost in soliciting that we cannot doubt of its meeting with your Excellency's perfect Approbation. For it must have occurred to you,
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