

The following Message by the Lower House of Assembly July 9 1731
May it please your Honours

We have considered the Petition of M^r. Amos Woodward to his Excellency the
Governour, the Petitions of the Master and Mate of the Charming Mary and your
Message by John Rowley Esq. And Altho the people on board the said vessels
have not the Smallpox in the manner it was at first Represented yet the
Apprehension that the Landing her Cargo and the Crew roving about the Town (which
certainly will, if permitted to Land on Shore) will very probably infect Annapolis &
thence the Greatest part of it, if not the whole Province. We are really sorry that
M^r. Woodward or any person whatsoever should suffer by the Measures taken to
prevent the Spreading and Infection of the Smallpox but as the Common Safety
(which must always be preferred to any private Interest) requires the continuance
of those Measures in part at least. We cannot in Justice to our Country join in
requesting the Governour to grant a License to Land the Cargo in Annapolis nor to
suffer any of the Crew to Land on Shore, But if M^r. Woodward will employ
People who have had the Smallpox to bring the Lard from the vessels
where the Crew may submit into Flatts and Land it in any other place than Annapolis,
taking special Care that none of the vessels Crew (nor on Shore nor any that
shall be employed in fetching the said goods) & the vessels themselves will
Inquire with your Honours in requesting his Excellency to grant a License for that
purpose, or Concur with your Honours in any other Expedient, which may not be
Dangerous to people's health & Lives, to prevent M^r. Woodward being a Jesuit.

We cannot Omit this Occasion of acquainting your Honours that the Master
of the said vessel has behaved himself in a very Insolent manner since the
Publication of the Act passed, to prevent the Infection and Spreading of the
Smallpox Openly Violating that Act in removing his vessel out of this river
Infringent to the Direction thereof and Daily carrying in his boat to the Shore
and making Entertainments and thereby Eviding the Act.

Signed for the Lower House
Wm Cunningham Esq.

Which was sent to the Upper House by Col. Greenfield and M^r. Beale together with the
Petition to his Excellency the Governour therein referred to Deposition
They return and say they Delivered the same.

The House adjourns until two of the Clock in the afternoon

To telleridem The House met according to Adjournment (all well present as in
the Morning. A Bill declaring what Persons shall be deemed Residents within
this Province, it was read the first time. Ordered to Lie on the Table.

A Bill for laying out the Town a new Company called Marlborough Town in service
George's County and for ascertaining the bounds thereof was read the first time. Ordered to
Lye on the Table