

Country, he will send an order for them to Come up & if Lib. X.  
that he or Cood or any others want any Copies of Proceed-  
ings from the Council Books or any other Copies of Records  
his Excellency does now hereby order the Several Clerks to  
let them have them Gratis

A Copy of M<sup>r</sup> Slys Petition being read where in the preamble  
it is said; the humble Petition of Gerrard Slye Gent & others  
Traders & Inhabitants of Maryland the said M<sup>r</sup> Sly is asked  
who are them Traders & Inhabitants Sly Says he is not  
obliged to name them

His Excellency is pleased to say that if any Inhabitants or  
Traders have any Charge to prove against him that the better  
enable them so to do he does make them the same Offer as to  
M<sup>r</sup> Sly & M<sup>r</sup> Cood

M<sup>r</sup> Sly is asked if he owns the Petition & says it is his

Read a Copy of M<sup>r</sup> Coods Petition to his Majesty which p. 74  
M<sup>r</sup> Sly does say he own to be a true Copy of that which was  
preferred the same being endorsed with Slys hand Sly says  
he thinks it a very unreasonable thing that the Government  
should be removed to Annapolis thereby to put the Country  
to Charge

Read to M<sup>r</sup> Sly an Abstract of a Letter of his to the Lord  
Godolphin wherein is thus set forth; those Countrys I've ever  
been acquainted with &c<sup>a</sup> the said M<sup>r</sup> Sly will not [own] any  
thing of his writing thereof

Read a Letter of the said Slys dated at Kiquotan Swan  
May the 4<sup>th</sup> 1697

One to M<sup>r</sup> William Taylard dated at Iames Town in Vir-  
ginia S<sup>t</sup> Georges day

One to M<sup>r</sup> Rogers of Plimouth dated Plym<sup>o</sup> the 26<sup>th</sup> of Iune  
1697

One to M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Watkins dated at Plymouth 7<sup>ber</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup>  
1697

One to M<sup>r</sup> Watkins dated at Bushwood April the 4<sup>th</sup> 1698

One to the Lord Baltimore dated Dec<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1697

The said Letters Containing many Scurrilous Reflections  
upon his Excellency Coll<sup>o</sup> Nicholson & the said Sly being  
asked whether they were his Letters Refused to own them

Read a Letter from the said Sly to Captain Nicholas Smith  
which the said Sly owns to be his writing

Read to M<sup>r</sup> Sly a Deposition of Captain Nicholas Smith  
about a wager Sly laid with him which Sly owns & Saith he  
has won it in preferring the Articles

There having been a Rumour spread abroad that M<sup>r</sup> Sly p. 75  
had got a Protection, his Excellency Commands him in his  
Majestys Name that if he has any such thing from his most  
Sacred Majesty or my Lord chief Iustice Holt as he has given