

Then produced and read a Letter from the honble Coll<sup>o</sup> Lib. X.  
John Courts praying Excuse for not attending in Council p. 46  
being at present much indisposed Whereupon he is Excused.

Appeared before this Board Captain Francis Harbin, M<sup>r</sup>  
Gilbert Clark Thomas Dillion Edw<sup>d</sup> Fields John Shanks M<sup>r</sup>  
Joshua Guibert M<sup>r</sup> John Baptista Carbeny & Kenelm  
Cheseldyn Esq<sup>r</sup> & this Board understanding that the said  
Persons were knowing and had heard of several indirect &  
evil Actions practices & discourses used & done by Gerrard  
Slye John Cood Sen<sup>r</sup> Robert Mason & Philip Clark of S<sup>t</sup>  
Marys County Gent did Order the said Persons to write down  
their several Depositions wherein they were to set forth the  
Truth the whole truth & nothing but the Truth what they  
themselves knew or had heard Concerning the s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sly M<sup>r</sup>  
Cood M<sup>r</sup> Mason & M<sup>r</sup> Clark in relation to this his Majestys  
Government or his Excellency the Governor thereof

And thereupon the said persons withdrew & their several  
Depositions being written they made Oath upon they holy  
Evangelists before Cap<sup>t</sup> Richard Hill and M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Tasker  
two of his Majestys Iustices of the Provincial Court And the  
said Depositions were delivered to his Majestys Lawyers

June the 30<sup>th</sup> 1698

Council Sate Present as Yesterday

Also were present Captain Rich<sup>d</sup> Hill Thomas Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup>  
George Plater Esq<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Gouldesborrough & Major  
William Dent

Upon reading a Certain Paragraph in a Letter to his p. 47  
Excellency the Governor from the right Honble the Lords of  
the Council for trade and Foreign Plantations relating to the  
qu<sup>r</sup> part of the Revenue of 12<sup>d</sup> p hhd due from his Excellency  
the late Governor Copleys Estate Whereupon the Several  
Papers relating thereto being produced were delivered to his  
Majestys Lawyers who are asked what is done therein &  
thereupon the said Gentlemen make Answer that Process is  
issued

Geo Plater Esq<sup>r</sup> his Majestys Receiver of the District of  
Pattuxent is ordered to draw out of the Iournals of the  
Council in Assembly & the house of Delegates how the  
Country Arms &c<sup>a</sup> are Disposed of & the Reason thereof

A Petition of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Grunwyn read wherein he prayed  
Satisfaction for his Labour and pains in Examining the  
Acco<sup>ts</sup> of the Order of his late Excellency Governor Copley  
in Order to discover what remained in his which might be  
applied to make good the q<sup>r</sup> part of the 12<sup>d</sup> for Arms recd  
by the said Governor Copley the said Petition was referred