

Annapolis Iuly the 9th 1698

Lib. X.

Memd that whereas his Majestys honble Council was appointed to meet at this Port upon the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant, did not according to the said Appointment, but Lieu<sup>t</sup> Coll<sup>o</sup> Henry Low high Sheriff of S<sup>t</sup> Marys County made Returne to the Clerk of this Board of the Præcept he had to apprehend M<sup>r</sup> Iohn Cood Sen<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gerrard Slye M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Mason M<sup>r</sup> Philip Clark &c<sup>e</sup> viz<sup>t</sup>

That by Virtue thereof he had taken the Body of M<sup>r</sup> Gerrard Sly of S<sup>t</sup> Marys County & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Cooksey but that as to M<sup>r</sup> John Cood he was fled M<sup>r</sup> Philip Clark Absconded & M<sup>r</sup> Robert Mason was languishing

And his Excellency the Governor being by the Clerk of the Council made acquainted therewith and that Lieu<sup>t</sup> Coll<sup>o</sup> Low had brought M<sup>r</sup> Gerrard Sly to town together with M<sup>r</sup> Cooksey

His Excellency ordered the Clerk of the Council to acquaint Lieu<sup>t</sup> Coll<sup>o</sup> Low that he required him immediately to bring M<sup>r</sup> Sly before him. Whereupon the said Coll<sup>o</sup> Low immediately brought the said Sly before his Excellency the said M<sup>r</sup> Sly Coming into his Excellencys presence in a proud Scornful manner & setting his Arms on Kinbow told his Excellency he hoped he should be used like a Gentleman and Clapped himself down in a Chair over against his Excellency; whereupon his Excellency was pleased to tell him he should be used according to his merits & upon the said Slys speaking to him by the Title of M<sup>r</sup> Nicholson only his Excellency required of him to Answer whether he knew him to be his most Sacred Majestys Governor of this Province Whereupon the said M<sup>r</sup> Sly having been Commanded to Rise up from his Seat told his Excellency he did acknowledge him to be the Kings Governor

M<sup>r</sup> Sly tells his Excellency he has done nothing but what he will own & Iustify & what he was Commanded to do by the Secretary of State

Whereupon his Excellency asked him for his Order for so doing to which the said M<sup>r</sup> Sly made no Reply

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Low is ordered to keep him in Custody until the next Council meets & accordingly withdrew with the said M<sup>r</sup> Sly

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cooksey being brought before his Exc<sup>lley</sup> who was informed of his the said Cookseys with Sly Cood Mason & Clark & that he had been privy to several of their Cabals & Combinations against this Governm<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Richard Beard high Sheriff of Ann Arundell County is Ordered to take the said Cooksey into his Custody & to keep Seperate from the said Sly