

several Depositions to them referred in relation to the afore-
said persons by all which your Ex^{lly} may see what ill designs Lib. X.
they have on Foot against this, his Majestys Government &
the apprehensions we have thereof; therefore with the advice
of his Majestys honble Council & the Assistance of three of
the Iustices of the Provincial Court within this Province I
desire your Excellency will be pleased Immediately to give
such Orders as you shall think necessary for the apprehend-
ing of Cood Sly Mason Clark Cooksey & Harpam if found
within your Government; as for M^r Cood he is an Inhabitant
& seen publickly in Virginia every day therefore 'tis very
strange he should not be secured & delivered up to ans^r
according to Law, for want of which, if this his Majestys
Government here, should sustain any damage, it will be laid
to their charge who are the cause thereof, it is said M^r Sly is
gone down to York river on pretence to look after some
Business there, but those that know him better Conceive no
otherwise but that he will there Imploy himself as he did last
year to forge Articles & make disturbance to amuse the
people here & to invite them to Rebellⁿ the said Sly is now
under two Recognizances the one of 4000^l of Tobacco upon
the Grand Iury's presentment against him & the other of one
thousand pounds Sterl being taken by a warrant from the
honble his Majestys Council here for his appearance at the p. 122
next Provincial Court which is to be held God willing the last
Tuesday in August next

Therefore hope your Excellency (in regard to what he &
the others stand charged with for which in this his Majestys
Government they may be proceeded against according to Law)
will give your orders to the several Masters of Ships & Vessels
now within your Gov^t not to take them on Board & Carry
them away & that you will take Effectual Care to have them
apprehended & delivered up to this Gov^t as your Excellency
may see in the Journals of the Council in my time was done
by Woodcock & others who were delivered to this Province
or otherwise upon Notice care will be here taken to send for
them by

Governor of Virginia

Your Excellencys humble
Servant
Fra: Nicholson

Sir

Virginia the 13th July 1698

I have received your Excellencys Letter of the 2^d Instant
with a Copy of your former of the 19th of February 1696 &
presentment of your Grand Iury agst M^r John Cood fled for
Blasphemy which I thought had then been Effectually answered