

His Excellency further asked him if he did not take the Lib. X.  
oath of a Vestry man which the said Mason says he did

Whereupon he tells him that he has forsworn himself & the p. 129  
Law relating to Servants & Slaves being read

Ordered that his Majestys Lawyars prosecute the said M<sup>r</sup>  
Robert Mason for such his breach of Oath

His Excellency tells M<sup>r</sup> Robert Mason that he understands  
he takes upon him to correct Ministers because they do not  
preach such doctrines as are pleasing to him but what serves  
to reprove vice & asks the said Mason if he has any power of  
a Bishop

And a warrant to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County being  
prepared requiring the said Sheriff to take him into his Custody  
till he gives bond for his appearance & to Answer at the  
next Provincial Court in 2000<sup>l</sup> Sterling himself in 1000<sup>l</sup> Sterl  
& 2 securitys each in five hundred a piece being read &  
approved of was delivered to the Sheriff who took the said  
Mason into his Custody

Monday Evening Aug<sup>t</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1698

The Council Sate & were present as on saturday last

M<sup>r</sup> Robert Mason being brought before the Board is Shewed  
several Acco<sup>ts</sup> by him exhibbitted of the publick Treasury on  
the western shore from the year 1696 to this present time  
which he owns to be his

His Excellency is pleased to ask M<sup>r</sup> Mason if he has made  
up his Acco<sup>t</sup> with the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Peregrine Cony who  
officiated in the cure of William & Mary parish M<sup>r</sup> Mason  
says the Vestry have made up their acco<sup>ts</sup> with him

M<sup>r</sup> Mason is told that he must produce Vouchers for the  
several Payments he has made out of the Publick Treasury  
otherwise his Account will not be allowed of—

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Gerrard Sly of S<sup>t</sup> Marys County be Sent p. 130  
for who appearing at the Board is asked whether he never  
sent any Articles of Charge against his Excellency the Gov<sup>r</sup>  
to pensylvania or not says no

But being further asked says M<sup>r</sup> Cood gave him some  
Articles which he gave to a person who promised to send  
them to M<sup>r</sup> Penn & that he had sent them to the Secry of  
State & my Lord Tankerville as he promised is asked if he  
pretends to prove any of those Articles says no he is a  
stranger in the Country & that they are not his but M<sup>r</sup> Coods  
Articles

And the said Articles being read to him Ordered that the  
Clerk of this Board issue the same order to enable him to  
prove these as was ordered upon the former ones