

Lib. X. as he is well Satisfied your Excellency has heretofore done to a person in the same or worse Circumstances he humbly leaves himself to your Excellencys mercy which if granted him shall be for ever bound to pray for your Excellencys long life & prosperity

Gerard Sly

I acknowledge the evil of these Actions to be as well against the Gov^t as against your Excellency

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p. 139 To his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l & Gov^r in chief of this his Majestys Province of Maryland most humbly present

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His Excellency is pleased to say that he takes M^r Sly's Offence to be as well against the Government but if he thought it only against himself he would have Scorned to have kept him in prison half an hour but that his Majesty having intrusted the Government to him he must study the peace & welfare thereof therefore desires them to advise him what to do in this matter

Whereupon the Gentlemen present upon due Consideration to advise his Excellency that in regard the said Sly is an utter stranger to the affairs of this Country tho Born in it he having been so long absent in England & has been drawn in by his Father in Law Iohn Cood & seems to be heartily Sorry for his offence would be something favourable to him in remitting some part or all of his Imprisonment but however that this Petition be not accepted of without further discovery upon Oath for that the offence seems to be against the Gov^t as well as his Excellency & ought by the Petitioner to have been so expressed in his Petition

p. 140 Therefore advised that unless the said Sly do make a full & Satisfactory discovery & deliver up all Papers & asks the Courts pardon for his reflections on them & especially Captain Hills the Iudgment be put in Execution & that he be Imprisoned but that he be acquainted with the result of the Board & that upon Conform^e himself thereto & giving Security to answer to the other Presentment at the next Provincial Court & in the meantime to be of good Behaviour that his Excellency is inclinable to remit the Imprisonment due to his Offence Ordered that the Clerk of this Board make him acquainted herewith Produced & read the following Representations of the Iustices & Grand Iury relating to M^r John Cood being harboured & Entertained in Virginia viz^t