

deservedly found Guilty of abusing a person under whose Government all Discerning people may plainly see their own happiness. Lib. X.  
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That your Petitioners said Crief & Misfortunes Is the more heavy to him by understanding that his inconsiderate words & actions have by some of the people of the Province been improved to that Degree as to breed some discontents in the minds of some of the Inhabitants where by your Excellencys Gov<sup>t</sup> might have recd some trouble tho never in the least imagined or intended by your Petitioner.

And that your Petitioners sincerity in this his humble Submission to your Excellencys Clemency may be the more apparently known to the world he unfeignedly offers with all the Candor imaginable to answer truly to all Such questions as your Excellency shall please to put to him whereby your Excellency may receive further satisfaction in the discovery of any matter that may give your Excellency the least discontent so far as he is Capable of doing to confirm your Excellency in the belief of your Petitioners sincerity in this matter he humbly offers to deliver unto your Excellency the very original of the late Articles framed by M<sup>r</sup> John Cood Sen<sup>r</sup> under his own hand who is the main Instrument of your Pet<sup>rs</sup> present misfortunes and whose Company & Correspondence your Petitioner for his own safety will for the future avoid & in as much as your Excellencys humble petitioner hath thus sincerely & with all humility left himself to your Exc<sup>l</sup>csy mercy & has offered to do anything in his Power & Knowledge that may in any wise conduct to your Excellencys Satisfaction he humbly hopes your Excellencys Goodness will so far Condescend as to remit the punishment due to his Guilt & permit him to go home & mind his own private Affairs which for the future shall be the only thing your Petitioner shall meddle withal therein your Ex<sup>l</sup>cy will highly oblige your Petitioner always to pray for your Excellencys happiness. p. 148

Gerard Sly

To his Excellency Fra:  
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Gen<sup>l</sup> & Commd<sup>r</sup> in Chief  
of this his Majestys Province  
of Marylan<sup>d</sup> most humbly present this

Advised thereupon that M<sup>r</sup> Sly do of himself make a free & full discovery & deliver all Original Letters & papers past between him and others that have been concerned with him & Cood in raising the late disturbances & Comotions.