

To his Ex<sup>cy</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> gen<sup>ll</sup> and Govern<sup>r</sup> Lib. H. D.  
in Chiefe of his Matys Province of Maryland

The Humble Petition of Philip Clark of S<sup>t</sup> Mary's County  
Most humbly Sheweth unto yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup>

That Whereas Iudgem<sup>t</sup> is passed ag<sup>t</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Petition<sup>r</sup> in the Provincall Court of this Province for Six Thousand pounds of Tobb: and six months Imprisonm<sup>t</sup> According to An Act of Assembly for Speaking Severall Scandalous and Defamatory Words ag<sup>t</sup> your Ex<sup>cy</sup> And thô your Petition<sup>r</sup> must needs own that he deserves no favour or Mercy of your Ex<sup>cy</sup> haveing been forgiven by you<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> And Comitting Again the Same Offence aggravated w<sup>th</sup> the keeping Company with John Cood and Gerrard Slye Notorious disturbers of this Governm<sup>t</sup> for all which Offences Your Petitioner Can offer nothing that Can induce yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> to mercy but that he is fully Satisfied of his past Erro<sup>rs</sup> and heartily Sorry for the Same humbly praying Yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cys</sup> p<sup>rdon</sup> and forgiveness And that your Ex<sup>cy</sup> would be pleased to Extend your accustomed favours and goodness to your Petition<sup>r</sup> And as in Duty bound shall Ever pray for your Ex<sup>cys</sup> long and happy Governm<sup>t</sup> under his most Sacred Maty.

Philip Clarke

Maryland ss

We his Matys Iustices of the Prov Court whose names are hereto Subscribed do find that there have been many disturbances and Comotions raised within this Governm<sup>t</sup> by M<sup>r</sup> John Cood Sen<sup>r</sup> late of S<sup>t</sup> Marys County And we are Oblieged to declare our Sentim<sup>ts</sup> thereupon that if his Ex<sup>cy</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Edmund Andros K<sup>t</sup> his Matys Live<sup>t</sup> & Gov<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> of Virginia had taken due Care upon the Severall Applications to him made from this Governm<sup>t</sup> to have had the s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Cood App<sup>r</sup>hended & Secured and delivered up to Iustice in this Province the Same had not happened but the defect therein is the Occasion of these disturbances and Comotions being raised and Sett on foot by the s<sup>d</sup> Cood and Severall other p<sup>rs</sup>ons who bragg of their Security in the Collony of Virginia

Robert Smith	Thomas Staly	} Iust
Rich <sup>d</sup> Hill	John Thompson	
Thomas Tasker	John Hammond	
John Pollard	John Hawkins	
James Keech		

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Att a Provinciall Court held at the Porte of Annapolis the  
Second day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1698