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Humbly &
assured
Governor

and forgiveness And that your Ex^{ty} would be pleased to extend y^e
pardon. and as duty bound shall ever pray for your Ex^{ty} long & happy
Phillip Clarke

September 4th 1698

To his Ex^{ty} Francis Nicholson Esq^r: Capt. Gen^l and Govern^r in Chief in and over
his his Majesty's Province and Territory of Maryland

The humble Petition of Gerard Slye Therseth That hee looks upon it as one of
y^e greatest misfortunes of his life to be brought under y^e Circumstances hee at present lyes under in as much as
therby he is found guilty of abusing and violating of person nobly Dignified wth y^e Character w^{ch} y^e Ex^{ty} bears
in his Province and his Saied Majesty, but likewise of person whose good p^rudence, Dilligence & Circumspection
has brought y^e Fame of this Govern^{mt}: to such a p^rofession, and promoter acts of Justice and Justice to that degree
therin as may Justly Deserve y^e affection and prayers for y^e Ex^{ty} long Continuance in y^e Govern^{mt}: of all
y^e parts well affected to their King and Country

And as your Ex^{ty} humble petitioner from y^e bottom of his heart, is sorry not onely for his Saied misfortune
but also for his Offense given your Ex^{ty} look's sinerly promised not to againe to give y^e least occasion either by
keeping Company wth any Disaffected persons or persons to your Ex^{ty} or otherwise of his falling againe under your
Ex^{ty} displeasure; and this as hee in a Christian doer Declard that none of his actions word ever thought or
Intended to thin any manner of Comotion in your Ex^{ty} Govern^{mt}: Hoping this being his first friend ag^t
y^e Ex^{ty} that you will be soe of abourable to extend your Clemency, soe far towards him as hee is well
Satisfied your Ex^{ty} has heretofore done to a person in y^e same or worse Circumstances; hee humbly desires
himself at your Ex^{ty} mercy, w^{ch} if granted him shall be for ever bound to pray for your Ex^{ty} long life
& prosperity Gerard Slye I acknowledge y^e evil of these actions to be as well ag^t y^e
Government as against your Ex^{ty} Gerard Slye

Sept^r 6th 1698

To his Ex^{ty} Francis Nicholson Esq^r: Capt. Gen^l and Govern^r in Chief in over his Majesty's Province
of Maryland and y^e Territorys therunto belonging

The humble Petition of Gerard Slye Therseth
That your Petitioner has lately in all humble manner addressed himself to your Ex^{ty} being forth y^e Deser^{ts} and
hee has of his misfortune in falling under your Ex^{ty} displeasure and of y^e griefe hee is burthened wth by being
desperately found guilty of abusing of person whose Govern^{mt}: all discerning people may plainly see therin on happen
That your Petitioners Saied grief & misfortune is y^e more ready, to him by understanding that his inconsiderate words
and actions have by some of y^e people of this Province been improved to that degree as to breed some discontent
in y^e minds of some of y^e Inhabitants wherby your Ex^{ty} Govern^{mt}: might have rec^d. some trouble, tho' hee is
least imagined or intended by y^e Petitioner

And that your Petitioner sinerly, in this his humble Submission to your Ex^{ty} Clemency, may be y^e more
apparently be knowne to y^e world hee unfeignedly offers wth all the tender & imaginable to answer by to all such
questions as your Ex^{ty} shall please to put to him wherby your Ex^{ty} may receive further Satisfaction in the
Discovery of any matter that may give your Ex^{ty} least Discontent, soe far as hee is capable of doing, and to
confirm your Ex^{ty} in y^e belief of your Petitioner sinerly, in this matter hee humbly offers to delude into your Ex^{ty}
very Originall of y^e said articles framed by M^r. John Ford and Son, under his own hand, who is y^e main Instrument
of your Petitioners p^rsonal misfortune and whose Company and Correspondence your Petitioner for his own safety
for y^e future avoids, and in as much as your Ex^{ty} humble Petitioner has thus sinerly and in all humility left
himself to your Ex^{ty} mercy, and has offered to doo any thing in his power and knowledge, that may in any way
conduce to your Ex^{ty} Satisfaction, hee humbly hopes your Ex^{ty} goodness will soe far extend as to remitt y^e punishment
due to his guilt, and smitt him to good home and mind his own private affairs w^{ch} for y^e future shall be y^e only thing
y^e Petitioner shall meddle wth all wherby your Ex^{ty} will highly oblige y^e Petitioner all ways to pray for y^e Ex^{ty} happy
Gerard Slye