

Mr. Thomas Halton of St Marys County appeared at the Board: saith that he is Employed by Mr Robt Mason late Sheriff of St Marys County to receive Tobacco for him & that by the said Masons Order he hath paid several Quantities of Tobacco to Mr Sly upon the said Masons Order of which he has the Receipts by him Certified that Colonel Towson saw the said Receipts and sent them to Annapolis

It being offered that Mr Sly had alleged that he wanted to have some Depositions against his Exc. taken in this Government & was refused thereupon Mr Sly is called in & being asked says he carried Mr Phil Clark before Coll. John Counts one of his Majestys Honble Council & refused to take his Deposition & that the said Clark was ready to swear to eight of the Articles against his Excellency

Thereupon his Excellency is pleased to acquaint Mr Sly that if he or any others have any thing to swear against him they may come up to the ^{next} Provincial Court & the Judges of that Court will take their Depositions in the face of the whole Countrey for which his Excellency will Give his Order & that they may bring their Evidences upon whose Refusal or Denial to Come, his Excellency will Order them to be Summoned, & that he does hereby order a Copy of which is given the said Sly the Clerk of his Majestys Honble Council & the several Clerks of any the Courts within this Province to give them any Copies of Records Gratis which the said Sly or others shall require in order to prove the Articles by them preferred against him

Then was read to the said Sly a Clause in his