

There having been a Rumour given abroad that Mr. Sly had got a Protection, his Excellency Commanded him in his Majesty's Name that if he has any such thing from his most Sacred Majesty or my Lord Chief Justice Holt as he has given out he must now shew it otherwise he will not have any benefit thereby

Mr. Sly does not say that he has any such thing - His Excellency is pleased to tell Mr. Sly that he having said that he was not the Author or Inventor of the said Articles he requires him to name the persons that did Invent & make them, Mr. Sly is told that if he now remembers or can name any persons to prove the Articles he shall have an Order for them to come up to the next Provincial Court to be held God willing the last Tuesday in August next

His Excellency is pleased to ask the Board if they have any thing more to say to Mr. Sly who do say they have none he will make no direct Answer to any Questions asked him & therefore do not think Necessary to ask him any further Questions

The several Depositions of the persons summoned being taken before Major John Hammond & Captain Rich. Hill were read at the Board purporting the Associating of the said ^{or} Sly Mr. Good, Mr. Mason & Mr. Clark & the said Masons holding Correspondence & being in Comp^y with Mr. Good when the said Mason was high Sheriff of St. Marys County & had a precept to him Directed for the Apprehending him, grounded upon a presentment of the Grand Jury of this Province whereon they had found a Bill against the said Good for Blasphemy and