

(1711)

The Council here  
Present

His Excellency the Governour &c

Members

- Coll<sup>o</sup> Henry Towles
- Coll<sup>o</sup> Charles Muckins
- The Secy Esq<sup>r</sup>
- Coll<sup>o</sup> John Addison
- Coll<sup>o</sup> John Courts
- Thomas Brook Esq<sup>r</sup>
- James Hurby Esq<sup>r</sup>

Read the humble petition of James L. Brains  
Commander of the Ship James & Benjamin of South

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(October 2<sup>d</sup> 1698) To his Excellency Francis Miltson Esq<sup>r</sup> Capt<sup>l</sup>  
General & Governour in Chief in & over his Majesty  
Province & Territory of Maryland

The humble Petition of James L. Brains Commanded  
of the Ship James & Benjamin & now riding on  
South River

Sheweth

That your Petitioner was never so surpris'd as  
at the hearing of the Depositions this day read to him  
before your Excellency in as much as thereby he is accus'd  
of such things as never entred into his thoughts to utter  
against your Excellency or the Government & if he should  
utter any such speeches must declare himself thereby to  
the whole Province which daily receive the happy Effects  
of the Justice moderation & every way advantageous influence  
of your Excellency's Gov<sup>l</sup> to be an ill man & render himself  
odious among those of his own Calling who in a peculiar