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[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

Gentlemen. We have heretofore requested you to summon Vincent Traplin to appear before the Council of Safety to answer for his misconduct. We have since seen M^r Bosley and M^r Smith and also the Deposition of John Wilmot; we are satisfied that Traplin is a dangerous man, and therefore request you would take the necessary measures to have him arrested, and sent down here under a guard. We think it most prudent to have this step taken, when there is no danger of any insurrection or rising of the people in his neighbourhood.

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The Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

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[S. Dorsey, Jr., to Council.]

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Gentlemen.

I take this opportunity to inform you of my success in procuring coles which has taken up most of my time till now, and have now as much as will last me twelve months. Have cast a few small guns, should be glad you would apoint sum person to prove them this next weak that in case they should not answer we mite make another mixture of mettle, there is M^r Swannhum or M^r Hammilton that lives at the Landing if you think proper, which would be allways on the spott or any person you chuse. Pleas appoint sumone that will attend when requested in Time.

Remain your Humble Serv^t to com^d
Sam^l Dorsey Jun^r

Original.

[W. Paca to Council.]

Gent^l

Congress is of opinion that the order from the Board of War extends only to such prisoners as are natives of Great Britain and soldiers from thence in the present war, and therefore the prisoners from Carolina and privates there lately taken in arms against us are not comprehended and are still to be detained. as to the two Gentlemen taken by Capt Cook whether they be prisoners or not is a matter our State must decide and not congress. I am told by the Delegates to the Eastward that persons in such predicament are set at liberty, but the property taken is confiscated, but this is not a general rule. Circumstances often require them to be prisoners, you must therefore (I speak my own opinion only) exercise your discretion in the present case.