

[Petition of Thomas Gordon and William Noyes.]

C. S. C.

To the Hon^{ble} the Council of Safety of the State of Maryland,
now sitting at Annapolis.

The Humble petition of Thomas Gordon and William Noyse, Sheweth, That your petitioners served in the last campaign (against the enemies of the United States) in Capt. Scot's company of Gen^l Smallwood's first Battalion of Maryland Troops, in the quality of sergeants and hope no objection can be made to their conduct in that Station. However they expect no particular favours on that account only that as their worthy Capt. had the misfortune to be kill'd, and as they are willing and desirous of entering into the service again, they hope your Honours will permit them to enter in any company they shall best approve, and not confine them to the same they at present belong to. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

January 23rd 1777.

Thos. Gordan

William Noyes.

[Deposition of Wm. Gordon.]

The Dep^s of W^m Gordon who being duly sworn; saith that some time last week W^m Nevin having sworn the p^e ag^t Rob^t Ridges, this Dep^t by a constable served the warr^t at which time he heard Rob^t Ridges say, that he would not give B^l but would go to jail, and that he the said Ridges said he would not be alone, for he never wrote letters to L^d Dunmore informing him where to land, and upon this Depⁿ asking him, what he meant by those insinuations, he said that W^m Nevin had wrote to L^d D. informing him that it would be a good place to land his forces ab^t 1 mile above Thomas's p^t & that he Nevin would be there & make a fire as a signal to shew him the spot if he knew when he would come. The Depⁿ further sayth that he asked Ridges upon what authority he made those assertions, who answered that Nevin wanted Robinson the Governors waitingman to carry the let^r who refused upon Ridges's informing him of the Contents:

W^m Gordon.

[Deposition of Riggs.]

The Dep^s of Rob^t Ridges, who being sworn sayeth that at the time of the departure of Governor Eden from this province, a little boy formerly M^r Calverts waiting boy who went on board the Fowey with the Gov^r in conversation with this Deponent, said that he was going to Dunmore & had a letter for Dunmore, which M^r Nevin had given him. This Depⁿ saith that the Boy shewed him the letter, which he said Nevin