

their Privateers or Cruisers in the Bay and declares that any Declarations by him of his Trading with them were made without any foundation in Truth, and in the Hour of Indiscretion and Folly when the Behavior, Conduct and Conversation of the Company, induced him, greatly intoxicated with Liquor to utter sentiments foreign to the Truth, and to accuse himself with Crimes of which he is intirely innocent. September 4

Your Petitioner further begs leave to represent that he has a Wife and three small Children, with two orphan Girls, who depend altogether on his Labour for their Support. Your Petitioner therefore humbly solicits your Honours, that he may be admitted to give security or Bail for his appearance to answer any Charge exhibited against him, and for his good behavior and that he may be ordered to be prosecuted and Tried at the ensuing General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore, or that if under all Circumstances your Honours should think his going at large will be dangerous to the State, that he may be confined in Dorchester County or some of the adjacent Counties, where your Petitioner may be better enabled to support himself in his Imprisonment, and be visited and comforted by his Wife, Children and Friends

Your Petitioner requests and hopes he may be brought to his Trial, as soon as may be. If he is innocent his confinement and loss of Liberty will be a heavy punishment and ruinous to his property which is small, but if guilty, Imprisonment is inadequate to his supposed Offence and the punishment ought to be inflicted as soon as possible

[Don'l Yeates, D. Q M, Head Elk, to Gov. Lee]

September 4

Sir being informed there was stores of this States purchase for our army, now lying at the Landings of Duck Creek and Appoquinimick in the Delaware State, I think it my duty to inform you I have been over there in order to examine into their present state, these Stores are three hund^d and odd Barrels of flow'r and some Indian corn and has been stored at those places for a considerable time past, from which circumstance its more than probable some damage has Accrued as well as a heavy charge for Storage, my instructions direct me to examine all stores forwarded by me Col^o Hollingsworth declines going into a View of this property as its not in this State, I have applyed to Captain Johnson the purchaser of a great part of it he desires to be directed by you in this matter. inclosed is his letter on the subject, as I dont presume to know every circumstance attending the delay of this property or Judge where the damage should Center if any, I am only desireous of giving you the present circumstance so far as I know and have it in my Power to forward it if fit, for use or any part that may, consistant with my duty.