

March 14 Honorable Council as day itself. Your Excellency may easily figure to yourself how exceedingly my feelings must be hurt on this occasion Having been over conscious to myself of the rectitude of my intentions—in whatever may have been transacted by me

And that of my having served in the Virginia line I trust with credit to myself and country is a further inducement at least on my part—to clear up every doubt which may have arisen respecting my attachment to the cause of liberty and my country. It is the utmost wish of my hart always to conduct myself in a manner which may gain me the esteem and good opinion of my countrymen my hart is warm on the subject and could feign hope—if I have been guilty of any impropriety—or if I have done any thing contrary to the Laws of my country, that it may be imputed to the fault of my head and not my hart, for on my sacred word and honor, as I said before if I have offended against the Laws it is thro ignorance and not design.

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[Garland Callis to Gov Lee]

May it Please Your Excellency I have taken the liberty a second time of writeing you on the subject of my confinement. I have been waiting with the utmost impatience and anxiety for the Investigation of my conduct, respecting the letters Inclosed to your Excellency by M<sup>r</sup> Sam Hanson. Being concious to myself that I intended by no means, to offend against the Laws of this State in the smallest instance or in any action of my life on any occasion whatever. Particularly respecting the before mentioned letters which I imprudently delivered, without knowing or supposing it to be wrong after they were examined by the Commi<sup>sy</sup> of Prisoners at Elizabeth Town. Being informed a day or two after the delivery of some of the Letters, that there was a Law in this State requiring all such letters should be laid before Your Excellency and Council. Immediately collected those that had been delivered, and inclosed them together with the balance that remained in my possession. I had not a doubt remaining but that I had fulfilled the Law or at least as far as I was made acquainted with it. I must intreat and beg of your Excellency together with the Honorable council that the matter may be immediately inquired into—and that I may have it in my power to clear my character of a charge which I can assure your Excellency among every thing else has ever been furthest from my thoughts I am confident your Excellency must be sensible of the feelings of a wife on such an occasion. My papers will take up but little time, and are of as little consequence with respect to any thing that may tend to the matter in question I am here without clothes or money which added to other things renders my situation truly distressing and have the misfortune to be very unwell.