

[Joseph Dashiell, Snow Hill to Gov. Lee.] (fav^d by Capt. Handy)

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The Barer Capt Leven Handy has bin kind enough to take Charge of John Traverse, and Conduct him safe to you agreable to your Warent, Inclosed you have Sundry papers &c found upon him when he was taken by Cap^t Chadwick in one of the Philadelphia barges Your Exc^{ly} will see by a Petition in his hand Wrighting that he is a person very able to do us a grate deal of Damage, I am in hopes the Inclosed papers &c together with Doyels Evidence will be abundantly enough to deprive him of a life Truely Dangerous to us, The people heare, sho very grate uneasness at his not Receiving his Tryal immediately as they are much afraid he will find means to make his escape, In order to apease the people I was oblidge to promise that if he is Condemnd up the Bay that, I would request that he might be executed in this place, you will find by Capt. Chadwick letters that we have several others in our posestion taken at the same time, as they are not in your Warent, I have not removed them, I have sent all the evidence, that we have against them, and shall wate your Orders, I have Sent out sum Scoutting parties after the Sundry persons mentioned in your warent, as soon as I get them I shall send them forward if I Can git as much mony as will defray the expence of the guard, tho I know not at present, wheather I Can or not as I have bin Oblidged to strain my Credit to git as much as Cary is the present guard forwarded by Capt Handy.

I have not seen Capt Walley since I got home but I am informed that their is a Mistake in Both the Comissions the Capt is for Zodock in stid of Zedekiah Walley of the Protector the Barge in Joseph Handys Commission is Called the proctor I submit wheather the Comissions had not better be Continued as they will often be oblidge to be in Virginea, and with one of Our State Commission, they might be Treated if taken in Virginea as pirates, this is the opinion of sum heare, that since the Confederation, our Comissions will not be good out of the State. I should be exceding glad you Could send down sum of the Subscription papers as we did not Get any of them before I Came away from Annapolis

I take the liberty to mention Capt. Handy to you who is very Desirous to render his Country every Service in his power if he Can do it by entering into the army in a station not to Degrade the Commission he has once held in the Armeey

N B. I have Inclosed a letter from Col^o Rob^t Done that gives an Acc^t of the other men left in our Goal.

[H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee Esqr, in Council.] (fav^d p M^r Falconer)

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And please your Excell^y & honours. I did myself the Honour of writing to you on the 26th of June acquainting of my difficulties in forwarding the Service without money being much in arrears; since