

Admit me as states Evidence & should return Immediately for the better apprehending those people from that Assurance I have not a shiff of Linnen but am full of Vermin & Nothing to lay on tho I am Extremely happy in Being brought before y^r Excellency for Tryal & from y^r Excellency's Promise of Pardon I am ready with my information y^r Excellency was Pleas'd to ask me if I cou'd give Security to special or General Court when at home I can give you moderate security & good men & then shall be able to make M^r Garrick know me & as something more which is material concerning him has Occurd to my memory, y^r Excellency mentiond my Property, I have no Land nor Negroes But a few Household Goods which I hope y^r Excellency will consider for the sake of my wife &c what a distress'd situation she must be in her condition the distance I am from her & she not knowing what is become of me, y^r Excellency may depend I always was ready to serve my Country at Alarms pay Taxes or any thing Else with the greatest Alacrity I never lay in debt with the Sheriff one moment & y^r Excellency may depend this is the first Time I Ever was confin'd I hope y^r Excellency will Order me before you to receive the rest of the Information & Enlarge me as you will deliver a distressd family from many Calamities I trust in y^r well known Clemency

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NB. I hope y^r Excellency will Order me up to morrow.

[J. Travers to Gov. Lee]

May it please your Excellency I am sincerely sorry that I am Obligd to address you under these circumstances had it been for any thing Else shou'd have been proud I was never confined before in my life which makes it much harder with me & the Bitter Blasphemy renders it far more disagreeable the horrid Stink & Iron is beyond Expression when your Excellency was down I did not know you & was sorry I was wanting in Respect I am an Englishman Born & bred but now have family connections in America I have ever since this present dispute been conformable to the Laws of the State I have marchd kept Guard Never was behind hand with the Sherriff but always conformd with the greatest Alacritly I never shoud have been led into this (illegible) but Never hearing from my Parents till about the first day of may I had advice sent me of Letters from my fater by a first cousin of mine a Major Arrivd with the fleet with Cash &c but have not had the pleasure of Getting them I never meant to Injure America let what will Appear I hope to make it appear to the Contrary.

L^t Colonell Dashiell when I came away told me upon his word that he wrote to your Excellency that he never suspected me & that I was to go back Again & further to Admit me for the States Your Excellency may depend upon my doing Every thing for the good of

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