

[July ?] my Country if y<sup>r</sup> Excellency will be pleased through your great  
 Brown Book Clemency to reinstate me for the sake of a Worthy family I am con-  
 No. 9 nected with. May it Please your Excellency if from the Ploughman  
 up to the Statesman deals with them, which I make no doubt will be  
 made appear when Opportunity Permits tho I never traded nor got  
 one Six penny worth of wares from them I Humbly beg your Excel-  
 lency will be pleasd to let me out into the other part of the Jail & take  
 of my Irons y<sup>r</sup> Excellency may depend that I will not Behave dis-  
 honourable in any respect as I am fully convinced that I must be laid  
 up sick.

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[Information about John Traverse]

John Traverse has been in the Country ab<sup>t</sup> 15 yrs an only child  
 to a worthy man and to receive 50£ a year from him heard his cousin  
 had arrived in Virginia & had Letters for him from his Father went  
 down in a schooner boat of his own to Portsmouth with Passengers  
 whilst there he was advised by Jacob Hayward a Quaker to take a  
 Protection which he consented to & which was brought to him by  
 said Hayward acknowledges the paper addressed to His Ex<sup>cy</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>  
 Leslie to be of his hand writing that it was a Copy for paper delivered  
 to him by Capt McMullen commander of one of the Enemys Barges  
 saw Gerock at Portsmouth on Whitsunday he went down voluntarily  
 he was not taken by the Enemy Gerock told him he was going to  
 settle a Trade between Portsmouth & Balt<sup>o</sup> & Hayward was with  
 him does not know that Gerock has a Protection he went down with  
 him (Traverse) in his Vessel with David Matthews on Whitsunday  
 3 June last & his son Uriah Tars and Jn<sup>o</sup> Merchant on Pocomoke  
 all of Som<sup>t</sup> County Gerock said Vessels of his own were to come  
 from Portsmouth & meet those he should sail from Baltimore & take  
 the things to Portsmouth lodged a Sum of money with D Heuston  
 to purchase plank Gerock said he intended to carry the plank to  
 Portsm<sup>h</sup> where it sold high & that he should purchase a large French  
 Schooner for the Purpose Gerock & Hayward were together the  
 whole Time Gerock got back to Worcester in a Boat belonging to  
 Elijah Sturgis he left Portsm<sup>o</sup> the same day he did Philip Selby was  
 at Portsmouth when he was there said he was taken was on board  
 with Doyle & owned part of the Vessel Jacob Hayward was at  
 Portsmouth same time, told him he had carried several loads of corn  
 down & was then going up for one carried his corn from Virginia  
 told him he had every necessary paper to carry on Trade—appeared  
 to be very busy and very much acquainted there offered his Services  
 to every body that went down. Asked M<sup>r</sup> Wilson if he had any corn  
 to sell he told him he had & would sell it at 2/6 hard money per bushel  
 he had about 1000 bush<sup>ls</sup> Traverse told him he sh<sup>d</sup> carry it below.  
 Wilson said he did not ask him where he was going with it he said  
 he would sell it to him & receive part down & the residue when he