

[Charles Hungerford to the Governor and Council]

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Letter 4

Worthy Sir This is to acquaint your Excellency, and your Honourable Council, that a Certain John Gaskin of Montgomery County, was brought before me for speaking Inimical &c to the present Cause of America, after hearing the Allegation of these Witness<sup>s</sup> Isaac Lewis, Katharine, his wife, and Ann Nesbet, Could do no other then Commit him to the goal of his County.

[Deposition of Isaac Lewis Sworn before Charles Hungerford]

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Letter 2

State of Maryland } Aug<sup>t</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1781 Came Isaac Lewis, before the  
Montgomery County } Subscriber one of the Justices of said County, and made Oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that some time last fall this deponant heard John Gaskin, say that he had Received a letter from one old goff of Frederick Town his Countryman, is son had sent him from New York, who was there with the English, and asked the said Lewis to Inroll with him, and told him he should have a patent for any peice of land he would Chose, this deponents Reply to the said gaskin, what the Devil should I do with a patent, the said gaskins answered, the said lewis, we can bore a hole in the sleepers of the house or Sills, and put it in there, and who the Devil can find it and Pluck it up, this deponant then asked the said gaskins, who these Commissioners were, his answer was if he would Inroll, he would let him know, the said lewis answered I will be Damnd, if I do Inroll, this Deponant further sayeth not.

[Deposition of Katharine Lewis before Chas Hungerford,  
Montgomery County]

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Letter 3

Came Katharine Lewis, before the subscribers, one of the Justices of said County, and made oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty God, that some time in the first of the year, Eighty one, this Deponant says that John Gaskin, came over to her house, and Related to her, and her husband, that at the time he was a Jailor in Frederick Town, there was Two English officers sent to Frederick goal, and that they Interceded with him, to Carry letters to their Wives in Philadelphia, as they might procure means to Relieve their husbands, and that they were scarce of money, and that he lent them all the money he Could Raise and Render and they was Redeemed and went to New York, and this deponant further sayeth, that the said gaskin said they promised him he should have the money and fourfold Returned him that he had lent them, and when they had got to New York, they sent letters to him, and the money in fourfold and more, and in the letters he received from them, that there was a house and lot ready provided for him, when he pleased to come to it, this deponant further sayeth that some time before this last Christmas, she had been to one of her neighbours, and upon her return home, she