

that embrace his maxims and am ready and willing to pay all due allegiance
to this State. I hope therefore your Honours will consider me and my wife and
poor children who might have suffered greatly during my confinement, having
no stay nor guide, if your Honours will please to release me you may depend
upon my utmost endeavours to find out and discover any rumour, or any
thing else prejudicial to the present system of affairs, from your Honours
in duty bound —

Vincent Trapnall.

To the Honorable the Delegates of the State of Maryland in Assembly
convened at the city of Annapolis.

To the Honorable the Delegates in the State of Maryland now
at the City of Annapolis in Assembly convened. The humble petition of Vin-
cent Trapnall most humbly sheweth. — That your poor Petitioner has
been confined ever since the 29th of last month for a misdemeanor that he was
guilty of and which he did through distraction and inadvertency, however no
how prejudicial or injurious to the present State of affairs, but has al-
ways been the reverse and maintained the cause as far as any abilities would
admit of with respect to the Bostonians, and ever shall
as far as lies in my power. I was most Honorable Gentlemen confined here
by order of the Honorable the Council of Safety and I believe there was some
prejudice and antipathy in the person that complained rather than any thing
else. But the case be as it will most Honorable Gentlemen, I should not have
acted as I did had not passion overcome me. and for what I have done
most Honorable Gentlemen I am heartily sorry, and most earnestly beg your
pardon, and shall for the future endeavor to conduct myself with good economy
and hope you will grant me a releasement from my present unhappy place of
Confinement as I have a family at home and no one to conduct or manage
affairs in its proper sphere, things must go to rack and ruin. Therefore most
Honorable Gentlemen hope that you will take the low and burleson and distressed con-
dition of your poor petitioner into your most serious consideration and grant me some
relief, If it does not lye in your power most honorable Gentlemen to bring or
settle matters at this juncture of Time, hope that you will grant me liberty of ab-
sence to go home to my family, until your Honours can give me a hearing, for
which I will give sufficient security, and your poor Petitioner as in duty bound
will ever pray.

Vincent Trapnall.

To God bless the Congress and direct our Generals.

Publickine County) S^t.

The deposition of George Brown aged above twenty one
taken in committee chamber this eighteenth day of November 1776. being duly
sworn on the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God; depoth and saith that some
time in October last the said George went to a certain Henry Guyton of
Baltimore County to purchase cattle at a publick vendue which said ven-
due was held on cattle that was distrained by Capt. James Cosby for a fine

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