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To the Provincial Convention

The humble Petition of John Bellie sheweth.

That he now lies under the influence and suffers the Extremity of a heavy though just sentence of the Committee of Charles County, for having willfully though in some degree ignorantly broke the Association of the Honourable Continental Congress.

Your Petitioner is truly sensible that the sentence passed by the Committee is founded in justice, but executed with such rigour, it has been with them an extreme and hazardous difficulty he could obtain the necessary food to support a life rendered miserable by his conduct, and the above mentioned sentence.

Your Petitioner begs leave to inform this respectable Convention that no one views his conduct in a more odious light than himself, and should you be pleased, to forgive your Petitioner his past transgression and place him in his former state, with respect to the People and Laws of this Province, he most solemnly promises to adhere strictly for the future to the Continental Association, and to do every thing in his power which can any way or in any manner forward the interest of this Country.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays that you will take his case into consideration, and that you will be pleased in your goodness to forgive his past Crime, which he will endeavour to atone for, as far as he can, by his future conduct, and your Petitioner as is duty bound will ever pray

A. Davis
John S. Chilton
William G. Adams
Reuben Dye -

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To the Honourable the Delegates of the Province of Maryland in Provincial Convention assembled.

The Petition of Alexander Cogg Merch^t of Calvert County sheweth

That your Petitioner had without any intention of violating either the Continental Association or Provincial Resolves, sold a few goods at a greater advance than was allowed by the Resolves of the Provincial Convention. In consequence of which the Committee of Calvert County, agreeable to the Provincial Resolution, published your Petitioner in the Maryland Gazette as an offender, by which publication your Petitioner is prevented from pursuing any method to enforce the payment of the Debts due to him. Your Petitioner in the most solemn manner declares his hearty sorrow and repentance for his transgression. And as the people of the County are fully satisfied that your Petitioner will not transgress or deed transgress in future, he prays that your Honors will restore him to his former condition, so that he may pursue his business, And your Pet. as is duty bound will pray

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To the Hon^{ble} Provincial Convention, Annapolis.
c. W. Thomas Sawt^r, Chairman.

Thomas Williams, Clerk

In consequence of a Recommendation from the Hon^{ble} Provincial Convention directed to the General Committee of Observation for Prince Georges County