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To His Excellency General Leslie Commander in Chief of His Brittannick Majestys forces at Portsmouth

The Humble Petition of the Loyalists in Somerset & Worcester Counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners having from the Commencement of this Rebellion been ever attached to his Majesty & have suffered in persons & property, & are to have all taken from them, & drago about from Goal to Goal tho at last set at Liberty, & now are willing to supply his Majestys Troops & Navy with provisions & forage, but cannot by means of those now in Rebellion that make a Scoff at his Majestys most gracious Offers: & the Numbers of Boats now Loaded to come down by keeping a Fort & Guard at Harry Dennis on Pocomoke, & Snow Hill, & are now destroying the property of those that have: & have formed a Law under their Rebellious Assembly to take the Lives of those of his Majestys subjects as Offers to Trade by that Ignominious Death of a Halter, we therefore Pray & Earnestly request that your Excellency will pay Regard to Our Petition, by immediately Sending us some Land forces to our Assistance or we & our families are utterly Ruined as the Bearer hereof will further Acquaint y^r Excellency with the force place & Situation & Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray

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This was written by John Travers.
See letter of Joseph Dashiel July 8. 1781, No 134 this vol.