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In Council of Safety

Philadelphia Decr 11th 1776

Sir

The present situation of this State makes it necessary to remove all the State Prisoners from this City - And the Honble Board of War has advised us to send part to your care to dispose of them in such safe place of confinement as you may think proper. In consequence of which we have sent you a List of their Names you have annexed - they have been very active and dangerous Enemies to these States and it is of great importance that they be prevented from making an escape ~~[illegible]~~ being apprized of these facts we have no doubt of your care and attention to have them secured

We are Sir Your hble Servts

By Order of Council

Thos Wharton jun. Pres

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

To the Honble President of the Council of Safety of Maryland