please your Excelency / Baltimore 13th August 1781

The Bearer Mr. Parks is wife to John Parks of this town: who was taken up by Colonl. Samuel Smith two months ago: on Suspicion as Colonl. Smith said of Being Concerned with the English and having a Commission from them: Mr. Parks had a hearing before Colonl. Smith a few days after he was confined: there was nothing appeared against him: notwithstanding he is alway kept in prison without the least appearance of Being Relea'd: if Mr. Parks should be Innocent as I blieve he is of what is laid to his Charge: it is very hard that he should be kept Confined: from his wife and family: I beg your Excelency may take the Prisoners Case into Consideration and Grant him Speedy Relief as your Justice and wisdom may think fitt — Excuse this Freedom and Trouble from

your Excelency's

Most Obedt. & Most Hble. Servt

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