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Dear Sir 1776. 11th May.

Mr Brown of Annapolis has applied to me to intercede with you & some gentlemen of the Council to grant him leave to go to Pa from wh place he may embark for England — I would not ~~wish~~ endeavour to persuade or influence you or any man to do what I would not do in a similar situation — I think Mr Brown's request highly reasonable; from indulging it no possible inconvenience can result to the Public: if it should be thought necessary Mr Brown may be put on oath not to devulge to the Enemy any thing of importance that he may come to his knowledge respecting our situation or preparations. It seems to be very hard to detain a man in a place in wh he is cut off from all intercourse with his friends & connections & even from the means of subsisting — If this matter should appear to you in the

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