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To His Excellency the Governor

May it Please yr: Excellency —

Your Petitioner has Given a State of his Case, and Causes Why, He is said as an Enemy to this State, I now as the Chief Legislator, of this State, and Governor Simply apply to You for a Hearing, I am Partly Aquainted With my Accusations, and on the Presumption of Knowing myself not Guilty, I Pray for a Trial, as long Confinement, Will put a Period to the Life of One Who has been Devoted to the Service of this State, and Ever Shall Prove Himself Worthy of the Protection of the Same, yr: Excellency: Petitioner Pray: this Day, Which Shall Ever Be Acknowledged in the most Grateful manner By yr:

Annapolis Excellency: Most Humble and
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