State of Maryland ss

To His Excellency Thomas Johnston Esq. Governor of Maryland: And the Honourable the Council of the Same State —

The Humble Petition of David Alexander, now Confined in the Guard House of the City of Annapolis,

Shewes — That your Petitioner Was Taken Prisoner by the English at Brandywine, that After Such Imprisonment your Petitioner, Initiated in the Enemys Service, that your Petitioner Availd himself of the first Opportunity of Stepping from them, And now is out of his Power to go out in the Service But Will freely finde a man in his Room and Give Good Security for Such Performance in any Time that may be Limited, to your Petitioner, The Premises Considered, and your Petitioner as In Largement, Shall Bind him in Duty to Pray

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

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David Alexander