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Being informed, that George Mann of your State, stands bound by Recognizance to appear before you at your present Sessions, to answer for Treasonable Practices against the united States of America; and being actuated by an honest zeal, I hope, for the freedom and Independence of the same States, I take the Liberty to acquaint you, that he, together with a certain Simon Vandewinkle, was indicted and tried for a Burglary committed in this State; but acquitted against Evidence, at least in my Opinion; and that Witnesses may be found, in this County of Kent, sufficient to convict him of adhering to the Enemies of America, provided you will take the proper Steps, which I cannot doubt of, to have the Benefit of their Testimony — The Witnesses I would recommend to you on this Occasion are, James Doney and Sarah his Wife, Elisabeth Wallace, John Glanden, William Wallace and Margaret his Wife, who, I am persuaded, will not be backward to attend your Court, if a Requisition is made, to the President of this State, for that End; and I am inclined to think there are People here who, if necessary, will contribute towards the Expences of their Journey. Perhaps you may be surprised, that this Traitor should have been indicted here for a lesser Offence, when I inform you that the Testimony of these Witnesses is sufficient to have convicted him of a greater. The Reason of this Proceeding was, that it was a Doubt, whether, as he was not an Inhabitant of the Delaware State, his Treasonable Practices came within the Provision of our Act, "for the Punishment of Treason and better Security of the Government." After having plundered two worthy Inhabitants of this County, he carried them both off to the Enemy, and one of them continues to this Day languishing under bodily Infirmity in a miserable Captivity. I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

your most obedient
Humble servant
William Killen

The Honble the Justices of the Genl
Court of the State of Maryland.

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