To his Excellency Thomas Johnson Esquire Governor and to the Honourable the Council of the State of Maryland

The Petition of Angelo Atkinson of Worcester County

Most humbly sheweth That some time ago he was so far misled by some artful people of greater Understanding than your Petitioner to utter or make use of some Expressions which were thought inimical to the State That in Consequence thereof, your Petitioner, among others, was summoned to appear at this Place, where he still remains under Guard. — Your Petitioner prayeth your Excellency and Honours, that as he is sincerely sorry for what he hath done, and being very ready and willing to comply with every Requisition of the State, that you will pardon him for his past Misconduct, as he is satisfied his future Behaviour will convince the World that he is as great a Friend to the American Cause as any Inhabitant thereof — Your Petitioner therefore prays that he may be discharged from Custody and be permitted to go to his Home in Order that he may thereby give Relief and Comfort to a poor Wife who is now lying at the Point of Death And your Petitioner as in Duty ~~bound will~~ ever pray &c.

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