Baltimore Prison Sept 9th 1812

His Excelency Robert Bowie
Governor of the State of Maryland

75 If you will have the goodness to investigate the situation of Baltimore Jail in which I am now confined on suspicion of being one who aided and assisted in breaking open the Jail some time since, your Excelency will be fully satisfied on investigation that the person who writes this is as innocent as one of the Stars in the Sky - he has requested requested frequently to have his trial, as the Court is now in Session, but ~~[illegible]~~ has not ~~[illegible]~~ yet had one, good Good is it possible that a man in high standing as myself should be plunged into Jail among Negroes, when there [illegible] distinction made even when there has been ~~any~~ security to any amount offered for him to have a comfortable room, I do not blame the officers of the Jail, but the Sheriff of Balto Co O god if this is the Laws of the Country the Lord have mercy upon them within his reach, who are the real patriotic friends of the Country who would spend the last drop of Blood in their veins, for to support the Laws of their Country and that of the general government --

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