Sir

We have the honor to claim the protection
61 of Yr. Excellency respecting a French Subject
named Boisbrun put into prison on suspicion
of robbery, who is to be brought to trial soon
& perhaps condemned to corporal punishment.

Humanity impels us to to take this step
~~of to~~ address Yr. Excellency, as the ignominy
with wh the culprit would be covered, would
in some measure extend to his whole family
wh is respectable, & indeed would disquiet all
his countrymen

It has been suggested to us that by his
enlisting in the service of this Continent would
be a means of procuring his ~~defelange~~ being set at
liberty; he is determined to enlist; but what
gives us the greatest hopes is, that his
pardon rests with Yr. Excellency, from
whom we implore it in the name of all
our nation, wh will be truly grateful for
the favor. We have the honor to be
with the profound respect
Yr. Excellency's
most ob. hble
Petrasson
Deputy of the French Nation