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Sir

I have the honour of applying to your Excellency's authority to obtain means of recovering a numerous quantity of French Deserters dispersed in several parts of this State. The necessity of forming a Crew for his Majesty's frigate Guadeloupe and that of compleating that of the Romulus to put them in Condition to render immediate and effectual Service as well as the utility of which they may be are but additional motives to that of doing an act of Justice which certainly will have greater Weight with your Excellency & the honourable the Council of State I will not take upon me to point out what best means might be employed to obtain that end. But the advantage we have reaped lately from a Proclamation of the Governor of Pensylvania upon the same Subject inclines me to think that a similar one from your Excellency might produce the same effect.

I have waited till now the determination of your Excellency and the honourable the Council of State concerning

His Excellency Governor Thomas S.r &c. &c.

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