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Sir/ The Barge Capt Levin Handy has ben kind enough to take Charge of John Grant, and Conduct him Safe to you agreeable to your Warent, Inclosed you have Sundary papers &c found upon him when he was taken by Capt Chadwick in one of the Philadelphia barges Your Excy will see by a Petition in his hand Writing That he is a person Very able to do us a grate deal of Damage, I am in hopes the Inclosed papers &c together with Dogel's Evidence will be abundently enough to deprive him of a life truly Dangerous to us, the people hear, sho very grate Uneasyness at his not Receiving his Tryal immediately as they are much afraid he will find means to make his escape, in order to apease the people I was Obliged to promise that if he is Condemned up the Bay that, I would request that he might be Executed in this place, You will find by Capt Chadwick letter, that we have Several others in our prison taken at the same time, as they are not in your Warent, I have not Removed them, I have Sent all the evidence that we have against them, and shall wate your Orders, I have Sent out Some Scouting parties after the Sundry persons mentioned in your

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Warent, as soon as I get them I shall send them forward if I Can get, as much money as will Defray the expence of the Guard, tho I know not at present, whether I Can or not as I have ben Obliged to Strain my Credet to get as much as Carryes the present guard forward by Capt Handy—

I have not Seen Capt Walley Since I got home but I am informed that there is a Mistake in Both the Commissions the Captns is for Zadock in Stid of Zedekiah Walley of the Protector the Barge in Joseph Handys Commission is Called the protector I submit whether the Commissions had not better be Continental as they will often be Obliged to be in Virginia, and with One of Our State Commissions they might be Treated & taken in Virginia as Pirates, this is the oppinion of Some here, that Since the Confederation, our Commissions will not be good Out of the State, I Should be exceeding Glad You Could Send down Some of the Subscription papers & explanations, as we did not Get any of them before I Came away from Annapolis

I take the liberty to mention Capt Handy to you who is very Desirous to Render his Contary every Service in his power if he Can do it by entering in to the Army in a Station not to Degrade the Commission he has and held in the Army

I am Your Mo Obt Hble Sart

Joseph Dashiell

N.B. I have Inclosed a letter
from Colo Robt Done that gives
an Act of the other men left in our Gaol