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May it please your Excellency

I am sincerely sorry that I am Obliged to address you under these circumstances had it been for any thing Else should have been proud I was never confind before in my Life. which makes it much harder with me & the Bitter Blasphemy renders it far more disagreeable the Cold Stink Room is beyond Expression when your Excellency was down I did not know you & was sorry I was wanting in Respect I am an Englishman Born & bred but now have family Connections in America & have Ever since this present dispute been conformable to the Laws of the State. I have marched & kept Guard Never was behind hand with the Sherriff but always conformed with the greatest Alacrity I never should have been Confined this Imprisonire but Never hearing from my Parents till the About the first day of may I had advice sent me of Letters from my father by a first Cousin of mine a major Arrived with the fleet with Cash &c but have not had the pleasure of Getting them I never meant to Injure America let what will Appear I hope to make it appear to the Contrary

Lt Colonell Dashiell when I came away told me upon his word that he wrote to your Excellency that he never suspected me & that I was to go back Again & further to Admit me for the State your Excellency may depend upon my doing Every thing for the good of my Country if y^r Excellency will be pleasd through your great Clemency to Reinstate me for the sake of a Worthy family I am connected with —— May it Please your Excellency I am the Ploughman up to the Statesman Deals with them which I make no doubt will be made appear when Opportunity Permits. tho I never traded nor got one Sixpenny worth of Wares from them I Humbly Beg your Excellency will be pleasd to Let me out into the Other part of the Jail & take of my Irons y^r Excellency may Rest Assured that I will not Behave Dishonourable in any Respect as I am fully convinced that I must be laid up for the Sake of your Excellency will be pleasd to grant my Request y^r Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray

J Travers