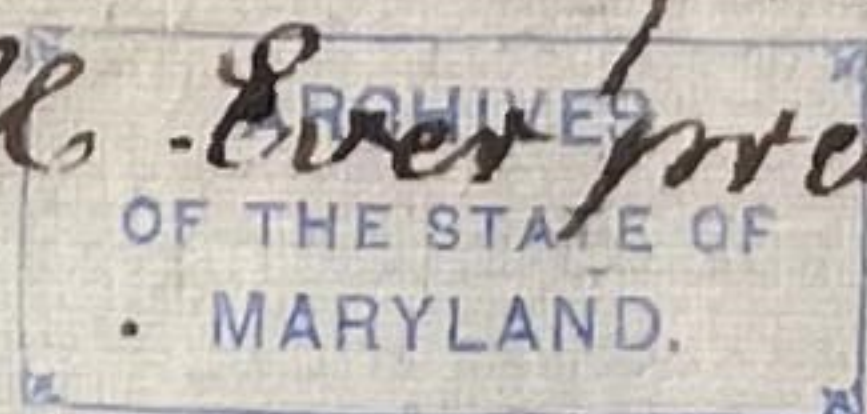


To the Honourable the Delegates for the State of Maryland now at the City of Annapolis in Assembly Convened

The Humble Petition of Vincent Trapnall most Humbly sheweth . . .

98 That your poor Petitioner hath been confined ever since the 29th of last Month for a misdemeanor that he was guilty of & which he did through distraction & inadvertency - however no how prejudicial or injurious to the present State of affairs but has always been the reverse and maintained the Cause as far as my abilities would admit of Witness in the Association in respect to the Bostonians, & ever shall as far as lies in my Power. I was most Honourable Gentlemen confined here by order of the Honourable the Council of Safety & I believe there was some Malice & enmity in the person that complained rather than any thing else, But let the Case be as it will Most Honourable Gentlemen I should not have acted as I did had not Passions overcome me, and for what I have done most Honourable Gentlemen I am heartily sorry & most earnestly beg your Pardon & shall for the future endeavour to conduct myself with good Economy & hope that you will grant me a Release from my present unhappy place of Confinement as I have a ~~large~~ Family at home & no one to manage or conduct Affairs in its proper Sphere, things must go to Rack & Ruin Therefore most Honourable Gentlemen Hope that you will ~~will~~ take the low & furlorn & distressed Condition of your poor Petitioner into your most serious Consideration & grant me some Relief. - If it does not lie in your Power most Considerate Gentlemen to bring or settle Matters at this juncture of Time hope that you will grant me Liberty of Absence to go home to my Family, until your Honours can give me a Hearing, for which I will give sufficient Security, and your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray -



Vincent Trapnall

So God Bless the Congress & Direct our General