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Portsmouth June 7<sup>th</sup> 1781

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This will be handed you of Mr Keith Spence who  
waits on the Honble Committee of safety to obtain Liberty  
for his Brother in Law Mr William Traill, who arrived here  
in a Flag of Truce from Bermuda to come on shore dur-  
ing the time the Flag remains here I am well convinced  
that there will not be the least danger arising from this  
young Gentlemen's coming on shore as I am sure he  
had much rather serve this Country than Britain.

I would just observe to the Honble Committee that  
it was by the Interest of Mr Traill the Father of this Gentleman  
that Capt. Manning with ninety Men belonging to this  
State got their Liberty to return immediately after he  
was taken & likewise Capt. Manning with his Officers  
had Liberty while at Bermudas to go to any part of the  
Island, I hope that this indulgence will be granted  
and cannot do us the least injury.

I am

Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Langdon

Honble

Chairman of the Comm<sup>o</sup> of Safety

20<sup>th</sup> of the June 17<sup>th</sup> 01  
respecting Mr Traill's  
coming on Shore  
from a Flag of  
Truce