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Major Gaines gave me the Inclosed Letter this Afternoon and desired me to forward it your Honor; The bearer will wait your direction thereon, which please to send me by him, I have ~~twenty~~ three or twenty prisoners now in custody, and could wish they might be sent to relieve some of our people who have been confined in Rhode Island 7 or 8 months, should be determined to send them, please to give me particular directions how to proceed—

I am with the greatest respect—

Your Honor
Most Obedt Servt
Saml Claph

Honble M^r M^r Weare

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