## Honored Sir

I was yesterday inform'd by Mr Roberts that you should not administer an oath to me as I might swear one thing and John Dines another But if I thought proper I might Inform against him – I thought that I had already told you your honor that I would not But I here protest what I stated to you was true – Good God honored Sir can you think that I would be guilty of perjury No not for worlds – I have sins too many to account for – But perjury one of the worst of sins shall never augment their number. They have set every engine to work to prevent my appearing before you and they have gain'd their end. A good piece of policy of theirs – stubborn facts and the accuser present is too much for them.

I am honored Sir your dutiful but injur'd Servant George Swaington

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