

599. OLIVER MACALLESTER to LORD -----

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Refers to his petition, left about a month ago for his Lordship's perusal. His Lordship knows he was sent for by his Majesty or his minister to render him and the nation service, and that it was upon promises of receiving a reward adequate to his services that he voluntarily came over, and performed by his discoveries more than was imagined or expected,—yet is he still unrecompensed. Was never Watson's prisoner, and cannot, by any construction of any principle in law or equity, be looked upon in that light; nevertheless, Watson has, under that pretence, defrauded him of near half the sum allowed him by His Majesty for his support, though he never ate or drank at Watson's cost, but always at his own. Was desired by Mr. Robinson to make this application. Has served His Majesty, and hopes still to serve him and his Lordship in the most effectual manner if a rupture with the enemies of the nation should take place. Has this to add, which he is ashamed to mention, but the truth must out: it is that a certain member of the House of Commons said to him, about three years ago, "Mr. MacAllester, Lord Halifax is more obliged to you than to any man in England," Never enquired into his reason for saying so. Asks his Lordship to order Watson to pay what he has thus unjustly detained. 2 pp.