

# VIRGINIA EXECUTIVE PAPERS

## SELECTED ITEMS

(Continued from V. 16, p. 200)

- 1780, Jan. 25 - Letter of Jno. Watkins at Cumberland to John Syme at New Castle. Regarding the removal of country stores from Cumberland to New Castle.
- 1780, March 2 - Letter of Antho. Godwin at Nanum<sup>d</sup> [Nansemond] to John James at Hampton. Regarding money due him.
- 1780, March 21 - Agreement of the War Office, signed by Jas. Jones and Jas. Barron, with Mr. Moody for payment to him (for himself and tools) and Matt. Hatton, James Taylor jr., Daniel McCarty, William Godfrey, Francis F. Moody, Philip Moody jr., James Reynolds, Thos. Hatton (names of John Fisher and Bruton Sullivan scratched out) for their labor in the service of the state.
- 1780, April 25 - Rockingham Co., Va. Reis Thomas proved an account before Henry Ewin and Ben. Harrison, justices.
- 1780, May 1 - Thos. Meriwether, Major, 1st Virginia State Regiment, certifies that Richardson Lee, a soldier in the 1st Virginia State Regiment, has never drawn the suit of clothing allowed him by Act of Assembly for 1777.
- 1780, May 4 - Ross, Shore & Company at Richmond gives receipt for three barrels of gun powder borrowed from the state. Witness: James Price.
- 1780, May 11 - Commission to Reubin Matthias, Gent., as second lieutenant of militia of Princess Anne County. Signed by Th: Jefferson.
- 1780, May 11 - Commission to Charles Moseley, Gent., as first lieutenant of militia of Princess Anne County. Signed by Th: Jefferson.
- 1780, May 11 - Commission to Thomas Walker as captain of militia of Princess Anne County. Signed by Th: Jefferson.
- 1780, May 21 - Letter of Alexr. Sinclair at Staunton to Governor Thomas Jefferson. Col Sampson Mathews not having immediate use for the money that he detained, he is sending it to the Governor by Mr. Smyth Tandy.

1780, May 21 - A return of the troops of convention in Virginia. Signed by Jas. Hamilton, B. Genl. British: 1009; German: 1191 [broken down by rank].

1780, May 24 - Will Robinson gives receipt to Capt. Triplett and Wm. Smith, inspectors at Leeds Warehouse, for satisfaction for two hogsheads of tobacco which were stolen.

1780, July 5 - Receipt from Clarke & Talley at Page's Warehouse on Pamunkey River to Elizabeth Cown for one hogshead of tobacco.

28 Aug. 1783. King William Co., Va. John Hill made oath before Wm. Cowne he bought the hogshead of Eliza Cowne; the warehouses were burned.

1780, July 12 - Account of Messrs. Ballendine & Revely with the Commonwealth, 6 Sept. 1776-12 July 1780.

Mentions: Edmd. Logwood, Jno. Reveley, Nath. Carrington, Mr. Byrd's executrix, Nicholas Spear, Jos. Carrington, Will. Webb, the Foundary at Westham and balance due the Commonwealth in pig iron. Signed by Archibald Cary, Geo. Carrington, James Buchanan, Turner Southall.

Another account, 30 June 1777-14 Dec. 1778, mentions Thomas James and Buckingham Furnace. Signed by Archibald Cary, Geo. Carrington, James Buchanan.

1780, July 20 - Commission to Matthew Godfrey as County Lieutenant of Norfolk County.

1780, July 29 - Letter of J. M. Galt to Geo. Muter.

David Jones who is employed as orderly man to this station has moved his effects from York to Warwick Court House. It would be attended with great expense to convey them to Williamsburg by land carriage. He asks one of the country craft run down for them, which may be done at one tide. [Filed with 1781]

1780, Aug. 28 - Charlotte Co., Va. List of 69 Negroes belonging to James Habersham brought into the State of Virginia.

1780, Sept. 14 - Letter of W. Armistead at Richmond to Commissioners of the Tax for King William County. James Warren has been deputed to receive all the tobacco arising from the specific tax.

1780, Sept. 16 - Court martial held for Northumberland County to enquire into the behavior of sundry mutinous and riotous persons who endeavored to excite mutiny and to resist the Act of General Assembly for recruiting

the quota of this state for the Continental Army.

Court: Col. Thos. Gaskins, Col. Winder Kenner, Capt. Charles Lee, Capt. Wm. Nutt, Capt. Thomas Downing, Capt. John Rogers, Capt. Jos. Harcum, Capt. Abraham Beacham.

Fortunatus Pitman, William Burton, James Thomas, William Walker, Jeduthan Pitman, Richard Marsh, William Blackerby, John Edwards, George France and Williamson Hill Pitman surrendered themselves up prior to the resistance made by the mutineers and upon their penitent acknowledgment are acquitted.

Moses Sutton, Gedeon Marsh, Ephraim Hughlett, Ezekiel Lunsford, Joseph Pitman, Joseph Dudley, Thomas Dudley, John Marsh, Cuthbert Marsh, Robert Pitman, Edward Garner, Moses Garner, Thomas Shepherd, Benjamin Marsh, Edward Marsh, William Shepherd, Thomas Haynie, Samuel Haynie, James Sullivan, William Smith, Maxamillion Haynie, Jacob Haynie, John Seabee, John Tally, William Edwards, Elisha Haynie, John Humphries, John Haynie, Moses Seabee, John Linsford, Rodham Lunsford, Charles Smoott, John Hornsby, Leroy Pullen, Limas Nicken, William Hubbard, John Nash, John Trasie, John Hardwick, David Hogan, Richard Howson Payne, soldiers belonging to the different militia companies in this county (who were concerned in resisting the execution of the Draught Act) are declared soldiers during the war agreeable to the Act of Assembly and for their riotous behavior shall be delivered up by any division.

1780, Sept. 25 - Court martial held for Northumberland County. Court: Col. Thomas Gaskins, Col. Thomas Jones, Capt. Charles Lee, Capt. William Downing, Capt. Jno. Rogers, Capt. Thomas Downing, Capt. Abraham Beacham, Capt. William Nutt, Capt. Joseph Williams, Capt. John S. Webb, Capt. John Degges, Capt. Joseph Harcum and Capt. George Eskridge.

Charles Clark appointed Clerk of this Court martial. John Humphries, John Hornsby, Thomas Shepherd, James Sullivan and Thomas Haynie being declared soldiers during the war, upon hearing witnesses, are acquitted.

Capt. Samuel Denny is ordered to have warned in a sufficient number of men, not less than thirty and officered, to take those persons that were concerned in the late riot.

1780, Sept. 26 - Court martial for Northumberland County: Court: Col. Thomas Gaskins, Col. Thomas Jones, Capt. Charles Lee, Capt. Wm. Downing, Capt. John Rogers, Capt. Joseph Harcum, Capt. John Span Webb, Capt. Thomas Downing, Capt. Abraham Beacham, Capt. Joseph Williams, Capt. Wm. Nutt, Capt. George Eskridge and Capt. John Degges.



Richard Howson Payne being declared a soldier during the war, upon hearing the witnesses, is acquitted.

William Smith, William Shepherd, Samuel Haynie, Jacob Haynie, John Haynie, Elisha Haynie, Charles Smoot, Maxamillon Haynie and William Trasee (a substitute for his father John Trasie), who were rioters, may be allowed the indulgence of serving eighteen months only.

It is ordered that the rioters who have not delivered themselves up be soldiers for eighteen months provided they will surrender themselves up in eight days.

1780, Sept. 26 - Account of sales of the schooner *La Comite* and appurtenances sold at public auction, dated Providence. Purchasers were Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Coit, Col. Nightingale, Mr. Worth, Capt. Whipple, Ed. Hunt, Isaac Brown, Welcome Arnold, Capt. Kendrick, Elisha Carpenter, Josh. Grafton, Thos. Jones, David Laurence, Zeph. Brown.

[1780, Oct.] - Petition of members of the Goochland County militia, lately marched to Hillsborough in division, with shame and sorrow acknowledging the disgraceful rout. Being raw and ignorant of discipline and under officers (generally) as undisciplined as they, they were ordered not to fire until they had the word and then to advance with charged bayonets, which occasioned the confusion which followed. When they arrived at Hillsborough destitute of money and even clothes to wear, they applied to their officers for leave to procure such supplies as their poor families could furnish. Although such permission was not obtained, with the connivance of several of their officers they came in and were returning when they met their old companions who said they would not be received at headquarters but were deemed Continental soldiers for eight months. Having no intention of desertion, they delivered themselves up to the County Lieutenant and are now under marching orders. Most of them are very poor men with families of small children. They ask that the additional service be remitted.

John Gilliam	Robert George
William Utley	Nathan Wingfield
David England	Rubin Thacher [?]
Benjamin Wadda [?]	James Busby
David Mitchel	Eleazer Williams
Aron Wash	Archer Keogh [?]
Thomas Morland [?]	William Cosby
Robert Groom	Bucer Carrel
John Askew	Humphrey Parrish

John Woodson, County Lieutenant, states they as soon as they came into the county delivered themselves up to him.

Jno. Hopkins, Jolley Parrish and John Curd, jr., state the petition is reasonable.

7 Oct. 1780. Th: Jefferson states he has no power to remit the sentence of the law.

1780, Oct. 10 - Goochland Co., Va. Booker Carrell and William Cosby depose that at the time some of the men from the county were about to leave camp on their way home, Capt. Edmund Curd asked Carrell if he was coming in with the others. Carrell replied he should come if able. Capt. Curd then said he would be damned if he did not, was he in the deponent's place, and gave Carrell a book to bring in.

Booker (X) Carrell  
Wm. (X) Cosby

David England and Nathan Wingfield depose that at Hillsborough after the rout in the south and destitute of clothes, they applied to Capt. Edmund Curd for leave to procure such necessities as they needed. Capt. Curd said it was not in his power to give furloughs, but would come in, was he in their places.

David England  
Nathan Wingfield

David Mitchell, John Askew, Humphry Parrish and Robert Groom of the Goochland militia lately returned from Hillsborough depose that being almost naked after the loss of their clothes in the rout in South Carolina and desirous to come in for others, Capt. Edmund Curd told them he would do so was he in their places. Soon after Capt. Ballew came along the ranks and said publicly the soldiers were damned fools if they did not come in.

David Michl  
John Askew  
Humphry Parrish  
Robert (X) Groom

Sworn before Thos. L. Bates, J.P.

1780, Oct. 10 - Henry Hamilton, at Chesterfield Court House, states that James Givins has permission of Governor Jefferson to go to New York with the prisoners of war and promises he will return unless exchanged.

1780, Nov. 11 - John Allen at Hoods to Col. Muter at Richmond. Letter regarding materials and arms received and items needed to build the barracks.

1780, Nov. 15 - Benja. Day at Williamsburg to Col. George Muter in Richmond. Letter regarding hiring a Negro man and a tinman.