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Reverse:-- Return of a nomination
from Elbert County
John Montgomery Ensign
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This we certify to be a True Statement of the Number of
Voters & thare Names & the Number of Candidates and thair
Names and the Number of votes that each candidate got-
this is a True Statement, of the Pouls certified this
24th of February ano 1798

By us -

Jonathan Phair JP

Sam^l Shioles JP

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Silver Bluff Monday 12 O'Clock 26th Feb^y

Dear Governor

I this moment received your packet with Sundry inclosures and will to the best of my ability discharge the trust reposed. The waters are very high at present therefore little or nothing can be done this week, You say Sir you find one Birds Name Signed to the return, and was he there. I will tell you what I know of this part of the business. Cap^t Embree informed me just about the adjournment of the Legislature that he had talked to M^r Bird on the Subject, who frankly confessed that he Signed the paper at request of Maj^r Gaster but was not present at the Election, or words to that amount, I shall endeavor to have Cap^t Embrey and M^r Bird both at the tryal. --

As to the steps the Inferior Court have taken against Mitchel I can only say that I have been informed, and do believe there was a small party sent to the Neighbourhood of Mitchels residence but what progress they made I have not been fully instructed not much of course, as so little hath been Said on the Subject. Your Excellency mentions an inclosed Summons which you wish to be forwarded to Cap^t Miles. I suppose you mean the inclosure to the Adjutant. I do not know whether there is any Adjutant or not --

I shall endeavour to see M^r Lafaver as soon as conveniently I can, and must think that he will find proof sufficient to Substantiate the charges contained in the remonstrance, if he does not he is not the man I at present take him to be ----

I must not complain of trouble as I have been instrumental in having this business bro^d forward at the present moment but having no horse (nor has any of my Neibours) that is able to carry a man above twenty miles a day. This with the high waters is an additional obstruction to quick proceedings Nevertheless my best endeavours shall not be wanting

with Respect and esteem I have the honor to be --

Your Excellencys most
humble and obedient Servant

John Jones

His Excellency the Governor --

Reverse:- His Excellency the Governor
of the State of Georgia

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Castle Manor Burke County 14th March 1798

Dear Governor

I this morning arrived at my old habitation and have the misfortune to find my Brother Tho^s removed for the present to our Brother Williams on account of a Severe attack of the nervous fever & tho now on the mend, yet still so weak he will not be able to attend the Court Marshall,

I have the pleasure to inform your Excellency, that under all the difficulties mentioned in my letter from Silver Bluff, I complied with your request, and my promise I have had an interview with Mr Lafaver and cannot doubt but there is proof sufficient to prove the different charges alledged against Maj^r Gaster provided they can be brot forward, - You mentioned that the Witnesses must be compelled, I wish you had mentioned the mode of compulsion. --- in a letter to Cap^t Embree I recomended a kind Subpoena and sent him a form adapted to the occation. ----& It is Suggested this Said Payne is rather friendly to Ford/is therefore to be doubted whether he will come on a common invitation, however I suppose the business may be postponed for want of Evidence so material, untill more substantial measures can be taken. ----- It was told me by Esquire Sherrard and others as I passed through the neiborhood of the Courthouse the other day that Gaster had got intimation of being arrested, and had Sent his Commission to your Excellency, expecting thereby to avoid all farther trouble and disgrace --

There was one part of your Excellencys letter I forgot or rather omitted to answer, meaning that touching the Tax Collector. I think I can say for Montgomery County Generally, that we are so fond of having a Tax collected that we would be willing to take any man who can give the necessary Security, but the Gentleman alluded to in your letter I could vouch will be quite agreeable

with Esteem and respect I have the honor to be

Your Excellencys most humble
and obedient Servant

John Jones

His Excellency the Governor

Reverse:-

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His Excellly the Governor
of the State of Georgia
Louisville --

At an Election held at the Market house in the City of Savannah On Monday the fifth day of March in the Year one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Eight, after due Notice according to Law, for one Lieutenant and one Ensign, for the Militia Company Commanded by Captain Francis Doyle, in the first Battalion of the Chatham County Regiment, when Counting up the ballots. Humphrey Murphy, was by a Majority of votes Elected Lieutenant, there being no Candidate for an Ensign, none was Elected-

Given Under our hands and Seals at Savannah this Ninth day of March in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Eight -

Bolthuser Shauffers J. P.

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(Reverse)

Headquarters, Louisville, March 20th 1798

The within return is insufficient to obtain a Commission, The original poll or true copy thereof ie the names of the voters, the cheque or tally and the name of the County must appear; together with the certificate and the name of the officers whose vacancy is filled, and the Number or denomination of the Company, Battallion, or Regiment. But in consideration of the ensuing reviews, I do hereby give power and authority to the within mentioned Humphry Murphy to act as Ensign in Captain Francis Doyles company, until the returns of his Election, can be properly made - hereby changing him to obey all lawful commands of his superiors, & requiring all inferior officers to obey him as Ensign aforesaid this Brevet being his sufficient warrant, until farther orders, Given under

my hand, at Louisville the day & Year just above mentioned

Jas. Jackson

Georgia

Jefferson County

At a Court Martial began and held at the State House in the Town of Louisville, the sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, agreeably to an Order of the Commander in Chief & dated the nineteenth day of February last, for the Trial of Major Henry Gaster, Commandant of the Montgomery County Battalion of Militia.

The following Officers appeared and took their seats:

Brigadier General Morrison President

Colonel Solomon Wood

Major John Scott

Captains Tandy Key, Patrick Connelly, Joseph Way,
John Davies and Jesse Miles.-

The Members attending proceeded to business and appointed Captain Abraham Jackson as Judge Advocate, who administered the Oath to each of them agreeably to Law-The Rules and Articles of War

The Oath to the Judge Advocate was also administered to him, by the President, in the face of the Court.-

Major Thomas Jones who was duly summoned to attend as one of the Court, being absent through indisposition, and the Law requiring three Field Officers-an Order was issued requiring the attendance of Major John Emanuel of Burke to fill the vacancy.-

The Court then adjourned till tomorrow nine O'clock.-
The Court met pursuant to adjournment Saturday 17th March 1798

Present

Brigadier General Morrison President, and the
other Officers as yesterday.-

Major John Emanuel attending the Court, an Order from his Excellency the Governor by his Secretary Mr. Johnston was received and read and is as follows

"Head Quarters Louisville March 17th 1798 G. O.

Major Thomas Jones who was appointed a Member of the Court Martial which met yesterday for the trial of Major Henry Gaster being reported to the Commander in Chief as dangerously ill is discharged therefrom

Ordered that Major Emanuel of the Burke Militia be and he is hereby appointed a Member in the room of the said Major Jones

By Order of the Commander in Chief

Thomas Johnston Sec^y.-

Whereupon

The said Major John Emanuel was duly qualified as a Member and took his seat as such.-

The Judge Advocate by leave of the President and Members proceeded on the business of the day, and stated to the Court the following charges, as exhibited against the said Major Henry Gaster in the Executive Order of the nineteenth day of February last, and are as follow

First-With having held an Election for a Captain in the room of Jesse Embree Esquire late Captain of the Company of the Montgomery Battalion (resigned) without due or legal notice thereof, whereby the men belonging thereto were generally uninformed of the same.-

Second- With having permitted two Men of a different District to vote there-
ly at he presiding as a Majistrate.-

Thirdly-With having solicited one m^r Payne a private individual to Act as a Justice, when in fact he was none.-

Fourth- With having been a partizan of one James Ford, then illegally
ly

electd Captain of the said Company in the room of the said Jesse Embree (resigned) and since countenancing the said Ford to trade with the Indians on this side the Boundary line, and supplying them with liquor to the great detriment and injury of the Neighbouring settlers, and whereby the County and State may be embroiled in Savage Warfare.--

And to establish the said charges, James Handcock of the County of Montgomery was admitted as a Witness and sworn on the said Trial, and his Deposition taken in the following words

"James Handcock of the County of Montgomery & Ensign of the Company of the Montgomery County Battalion of Militia, being duly sworn, on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that he applied, sometime in the month of November last past to Major Henry Gaster Commanding the Militia of the said County of Montgomery, to have a Muster in Order to fill up the vacancy of Captain of the said Company in the room of Jesse Embree Esquire, resigned. - That he requested the said Gaster to issue out three Advertizements, as Commanding Officer, and the said Gaster answered it was "time enough yet, so you make out the Officers against the draught" That the said Gaster sometime in the Month of December last held an Election as a Justice of the Inferior Court for the said Vacancy, and he the Deponent or the Company generally were not informed of the said Election, altho Captain Embree as a Justice had appointed and agreed upon another period, -three weeks thereafter.- That Major Henry Gaster the Night of the Election informed the Deponent, at his the Deponents House, that he had been over the river Oconee with the Fords and had brought Indians on this side, and that he had left them at Fords a Drinking.- That Gaster staid at the Deponents the Night after the Election, but the former never opened his mouth

about or concerning an Election.- That the Company in which he was Ensign, and which Embree was Captain of Consists of about forty or fifty Men, but very few attended the election ordered by Gaster.- and that the Justies of the District residing within a few miles of the Muster ground were not apprized of the said Election as he is informed and verily believes.-

Isaac Lafaver another Witness on behalf of the state was admitted, and sworn to the following Deposition.

Isaac Lafaver of the County of Montgomery, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that about the latter end of November last past, he sat off for Washington County Court and returned on the seventh day of December thereafter.- That on his return he met with some of his Neighbours, and asked them what news and where they were bound-after asking the second time they answered that they were going to an Election for Captain in Embries District - The Deponent was surprised and said that he expected advertizements up and information given generally.- He asked who sat up and old Ford answered my Jem.- Payne solicited the Deponent to go to the Election, but Ford made an excuse, saying that his the Deponents Horse was heavy laden, and he must be tired, but thought the Deponent a fitting man for Captain,-after the Company were gone he the said Ford again mentioned of his Son's setting up, instead of a better one-he the Deponent then asked where young Ford was, and was answered, "behind with Major Gaster

And the deponent farther saith that he saw no Advertizement of the Election and made enquiry of some of those who went and voted, and they informed him, the longest time was four days Notice, and only one advertizement had been set up- That Payne acknowledged and confessed to him the Deponent that Gaster had solicited him to Act as a Justice of the Peace when in fact he was none, in signing

his name to the return of the Election if Abraham Bird Esquire a Justice of the Peace in another District refused, and He cannot report is that Bird was not at the Election, although he signed the return.- That the strength of the said Company consists of between forty to fifty voters and that at the said Election, he is informed and by the return of the same it appears that only thirteen voted-and that two of the said Votes, to wit, Elisha Baker and Richard Horn, resided at the time in another District, and to the best of his knowledge William Ford is under the age of eighteen

Isaac Lefaver

The following Affidavit was received and read in Evidence as follows.-

State of Georgia } Personally appeared before me Allen Johnston
Montgomery County } and being duly sworn sayeth that at a pretended election held on the ninth day of December, that he saw James Ford put up to public view an Advertizement after it was said that said Ford was Elected, at the usual Muster ground, setting forth that the Election was to be held that day, given under the hand of Henry Gaster Major- and the said Deponent living at the House where the Misters are held never saw said Advertizement before-further the Deponent saith not-

Allen Johnston

Sworn to before me }
this 22nd of December }

Jesse Embree J.P.

The Court then called on the said Major Gaster to make his defence, but he not appearing although proof being made

of his Arrest and duly summoned, consider it not only a Contempt of the Court, but a contempt of the Executive Department and they determined to proceed to award sentence; And do declare their opinions as follows

That the first, second, and fourth Charges exhibited against the said Henry Gaster as Major aforesaid are well supported, and that his conduct therein is unbecoming the Officer, and which would, if suffered to pass with impunity bring the Militia service into disrepute, therefore unanimously agree and sentence that he be cashiered.

With respect to the third charge the Courts are of Opinion that there is insufficient proof to establish the same. They therefore acquit the said Henry Gaster of such charge.-

John Morrison President

Certified by

Ab^r. Jackson

Judge Advocate

(On Reverse)

Proceedings of the Court Martial
on the trial of Majr Gaster

Ord^d to be filed

17 March 1798

Georgia) at an Election on the Seventh Instant at the House
) of Philip Brantleys for a Lieutenant in Cap^t Nicholas
Jones,s District in lieu of Mountain Hill Remov,d - when John
Brantley & Hartwell Jones was Candidates - and being 86 Voters
present who resided in Said District - and on Counting & Cast-
ing up the Votes, the Statement, of the poll are as followith -

John Brantley - 46

Hartwell Jones 40

So it appears that John Brantley is Duly elected Lieu.^t in
Said Destrict -

We therefore Transmit to your Excellency a True Statement of
the polls as above also a list of the voters present - hoping
you will let the Commission issue - Given under our hands &
Seals this 10th April 1798 -

Henry Hardin J. P.

Lem^l Pruitt J. P.

Hartwell Jones	40
John Brantley	<u>46</u>
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(REVERSE)

To his Excellency

the Governor

State House Louisville

return of a nomination from Warren

no list voters

Louisville 6th May 1798

Dear Major

The more I reflect on the behavior of Cap^t. Dearmond, the more I am astonished at his reviving a subject, so little to his credit as a soldier, and, which we were all hopeful had passed over with the day. I have therefore determined to bring the matter immediately to a close. My Brother promised to furnish you with a Copy of your Statement with my answer. You will receive it, and without delay please to call on Cap^t. Dearmond and demand of him whether he did or did not mean to acknowledge his error and apologise for his conduct on the 2nd of May? Relying upon the truth of your statement, this is the only question, & to which he must answer or it will be taken against him. You will take with you Cap^t. Kennedy, Crosslie, Tool, or some other respectable officer of firmness & character, and who will be present on a future occasion His answer either - yes or no - will be taken down in writing & certified. I could wish that Lieut^t. Carter should also be present. If he answers in the affirmative, there the matter will end & I shall be the more happy; but, if in the negative you are charged instantly to order him to consider himself under an arrest - and direct Lieut^t. Carter to take charge of the affairs of the Troop. If he voluntarily offers his sword you will receive it, but if not he may keep it until a court martial shall decide. This will be convened, and a copy of the charges shall be furnished him in due time. In this event you will retain the copy of the Statement & in your own hands after having read it to him in the

presence of those gentlemen. The original will be left at my office for me.

You must be fully sensible how necessary it is that you should act with great coolness as well as firmness on this occasion

Remember that the prosecution is his own not ours.

And I am D^r Sir

Yours truly

Robert Watkins

N. B.

If Capt^t Dearmond should however, after his arrest demand a copy of the charges you will deliver them to him.

R. W.

Major Fox

I am too hurried here to copy. -

(REVERSE)

Major James Fox

Augusta

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Captain Dearmond having suggested to Col. Watkins a wish that I should explain the affair between him and myself on the second of May, and being called on by the Col. to commit the same to paper, I beg leave to submit the following statement of facts:

In pursuance of an arrangement made by the Adjutant General & Brigade Inspector, and, in obedience to the order of the Col. Cap^t Dearmond's troop was formed by me on the left of the Battalion, and for want of room they were drawn up across the ground, so that when the rest of the Battalion should be formed into platoons the whole should be in the marching position - When the order was given by the Commandant, Attention the whole! Battalion, forward move! the artillery, Light Infantry, and the whole, except the Cavalry move forward and marched through town as usual to the customary place of parade. Deeming this a neglect of duty, or, a mistake at least, if not an intentional disobedience of orders on the part of the commanding officer of the Cavalry, I returned & ordered him to move on with his troop - some considerable warmth ensued & some time was taken up by his contentions about the arrangement before he would march at all, & then marched forward in a slow pace, but not until he had been repeatedly ordered. After advancing a considerable distance up town, the Col. perceiving that the Cavalry were missing from the main body, and that they had not marched agreeably to order, gave it in charge to me to order Cap^t Dearmond to move forward immediately and march within twenty paces of the foot.

I delivered the order accordingly, but Cap^t Dearmond continued to move on in the same slow pace and refused to advance - I returned without delay and overtaking the Col. nearly opposite Mr. Herbert's Store, in the upper end of the town, I reported his conduct and informed the Col that Cap^t Dearmond had disobeyed his orders. Where-

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upon (the Adjutant being at hand) the Col. peremptorily ordered me to arrest Cap^t Dearmond, place the Lieutenant at the head of his troop, and bring his sword. On delivering this order Cap^t Dearmond refused to deliver his sword but made what I understood to be intended as an apology for his conduct and an acknowledgment of his error. He assured me he would immediately advance, and did so accordingly, with this impression I returned and reported the circumstances specially to the Col. These were viewed in the same light, as well by him as the Brigade Inspector & other officers present.

Given under my hand this 7th day of May 1798.
James Fox, Major

(Copy)

Sir,

From the foregoing statement of the conduct of Cap^t Dearmond, which is in strict conformity to what appeared to me upon the ground, Being unwilling to proceed to extremities, and loath to interrupt the harmony of the day, which had otherwise passed with the utmost unanimity & good order, I was ready to admit the acknowledgment & apology of Cap^t Dearmond; and, in the hope of an amicable & honorable termination of the affair, had thought of passing it over in silence, especially as he had so readily advanced on receiving the last order: But Cap^t Dearmond having expressed as well to the Major as to my self an anxiety for a reconsideration of the case, I can only say, that if he did not intend it as an apology and an acknowledgment of his error, or thinks proper now to withdraw it, I shall feel myself bound as well in justice to myself and to the Regiment which I have the honor to command, as in support of Military discipline & good government, to consider,

1st That Cap^t Dearmond was guilty of neglect of duty, or an error at least, if not a wilful disobedience of orders in not marching in the first instance.

2^d That he was guilty of contentious, disorderly and wilful disobedience of orders in not moving on immediately when specially & repeatedly ordered by the Major.

3^d That he was guilty of a contemptuous and wilful disobedience of orders in the third instance, in not moving forward & marching with in twenty paces of the foot as ordered.

4th And fourthly, of contemptuous & unsoldier like behaviour in refusing to submit to an arrest, and deliver up his sword agreeably to order, wherein he was guilty of the crime of mutiny. And I shall certainly proceed as the Law and my duty require in such case.

Being about to set out to the seat of government to meet the Convention, I shall necessarily be absent for some time. If this subject should be further pressed by Cap^t Dearmond, you are at liberty to furnish him with a full copy of these proceedings, and demand of him an alternate decision whether he did or did not intend to have made an apology & acknowledgment of his error, or whether I am now to consider it in that light or not & report to me the result, that I may proceed accordingly.

And, I am Sir Y^r Ob^t S^t

Robert Watkins Lieut^t Col. Comm^t
May 7th 1798

Major James Fox (Copy)

(Reverse) Copy proceedings respecting
Cap^t Dearmond.

Augusta the 11 May 1798

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Dear Col.

Immediately upon the Reception of your letter, bearing date the 6 Instant, an on perusal thereof, I without delay endeavoured to see Cap Dearmond, as directed by you, but could not see him until yesterday, in consequence of his being out of town, the next day I called upon him and desired him to meet me at Mr. Smerdons at 4 oclck in the eveing, Where we should see L^t Carter and before him have the business investigated properly, in the meantime I went up to Cap Kennedy's and ask'd him to do me the favor of meeting myself and Cap Dearmond at the place and hour above mentioned, for the purpose of hearing what might pass with respect to the imsunderstanding th^t Cap Dearmond conceived was between him and myself; Cap Kennedy complied with my request and attended accordingly when we had all got together, I introduced the subject by informing Cap. Dearmond that you had suggested to me, that he was desirous of having an explanation between him and myself on the 2^d of May, and being called upon by you to commit my statement to paper, that I had done so and transmitted the same to you, but of which I have a copy in my pocket, I then observed to Cap. Dearmond that I would read the statement to him which I did; after reading it, Cap. D. said that he could wish I would reopen the case with him, and have the matter properly understood for that was all he wanted or wished; which requested I consented to, he then began to proceed, with respect to indicating his conduct on the 2^d of May and Observed that he could not agree that my Statement was founded on facts, I immediatly stoped him, finding what his drift was, and informed him that I had one question to put to him, and his answer yes or no, would decide the business without any

more words; which question was this, Sir, did you did you not, intend to apologize and make an acknowledgement to me of your error on the 2^d of May, when I rode up to you and informed you that you had disobeyed orders, and that I was ordered to arrest you take your sword and place Lieut. Carter at the head of the Troop; He answered no, that he did not intend to apologize or make an acknowledgement, and was proceeding on to give his reasons, when I immediately stop'd him, and informed him to consider himself under an arrest, and then turn'd to L^t Carter and ordered him to take charge of the Troop.

Cap. Dearmond said he should not consider himself under an arrest; untill he was notified of it in writing, and that from the Col, I told him that business would be properly arranged.

I then took my leave of the Gentlemen after thanking them for their attenting to my request. In about half an hour after this had taken place Cap. Dearmond and Cap. Kennedy came down to see me, Cap. observed to me that Cap. D. had come down to make an acknowledgement which he hoped I would listen to, Cap. Dearmond then said something, but very little better than what he had before said, I replied to Cap. Dearmond in this manner that it was unnecessary to talk in that way to me, for I would receive no such apology and so we parted.

D^r Sir As I presume that I have said enough on this business at present I will conclude, expecting to hear from you as soon as possible, untill then I remain

N.B. I certified the business
as requested by you

Yr mo^t ob^t Serv^t

James Fox

J. Fox.

No. 8 To
M^r W. William.

Col. Robert Watkins
Louisville.

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Augusta 26 May 1798

Sir

In Obedience to General Orders Delivered me On the 23^d Instant, by Captain Dearmond, I have taken the earliest Opportunity of informing you that, in Consequence of Cap Dearmond's objecting to Col. Watkins or Myself siting as President of the Court, at which he is to be tried that the Richmond County Regiment Cannot Compose a Court for the trial of Captain Dearmond

I am with respect

Y^r Most Ob^t

James Fox

Major Richm^d

County Militia

To his Excellency

The Governor

(On Reverse)

Major Fox

His Excellency the Governor

Louisville

Louisville 20th May 1798

His Excellency the Governor

Sir

Your Excellency will oblige me by ordering official Copies of all the papers, which may be lodged with the Executive relative to the arrest of Capt. Dearmond, to be furnished me as soon as convenient.

Supported by a conscious rectitude, and, believing as I do, that my duty, in support of military discipline and in defence of the reputation of the Regiment that I have the honor to command, rendered that arrest indispensably necessary, & will at all times justify my conduct I shall certainly feel it equally my duty to promote, to the utmost of my power, a speedy impartial and legal termination of the affair. - Your Excellency will, therefore, excuse me when I apprise the Executive that I shall rely on the construction of the militia law, which was verbally Stated to you, yesterday morning, as, in my humble opinion, the only just & true construction which can be taken of it; and, which I now beg leave particularly to explain. From the following extract - "And be it further enacted that no officer, except the commander in chief, ordering an arrest, shall appoint a Court for the trial of the person or persons so arrested, but shall notify the said arrest to the officer next in command, who shall order a Court for the Trial &c." It is with due deference I contend that the officer here intended as next in command, can, according to no legal or

just construction be any other than the officer next above and not below in command. For instance - if a Major General were to arrest a Brigadier - A Brigadier a Lieu.^t Col. - a Lieu.^t Col. a Major - a Major a Capt. - or a Cap.^t a Lieu.^t - in all these cases & many others equally obvious it would be out of the power of the Office next below to order, or appoint a competent court: it would therefore be perfectly futile to notify any such under officer of an arrest. So, in the present case, I ordered the arrest of Cap.^t Dearmond for disobedience, as well of my own as the Orders &c of the Major, which plainly appears by the charges exhibited against him, a Copy of which I have understood you already been furnished: The Major could not, therefore, appoint a Court; - besides, it is well known that there is but one Major belonging to the Regiment. He could not appoint himself, and, I presume, his ordering me, or any officer from another Regiment, would be equally out of his power.

With this view of the subject with these impressions formed upon mature reflection, after advising with a number of Military characters of experience &c high respectability I have notified the arrest to the officer next above me, in command being the Brigadier General, who has assured me that all legal necessary measures shall be taken for a speedy termination of this unpleasant transaction.

When I assure your Excellency that these steps were taken immediately after the arrest, & before I had any idea of your being troubled on the subject; and, that in this proceeding I am not now

actuated by any notice of disrespect to the Commander in Chief,
but purely to endeavor to prevent misunderstanding & embarrass-
ment, I hope & trust that equal virtue will be done and that no
improper construction will be placed upon my conduct.

With due respect I have the honor to be your Excellencys Most

Obedie.^t

Robert Watkins

Leu.^t Col. Comd.^t

Rich.^d County Militia

(REVERSE)

His Excellency

The Governor of Georgia

papers relative to arrest of Captn Dearmond G. D. 2 June 1798

Court - Martial

Augusta, 8th June 1798

Regimental Orders

Sir

In Obedience of Orders from the Lieu^t. Colonel Commandant, you will consider yourself under arrest, as well for your Conduct on the second of May, as for Unsoldierlike, disorderly and Mutinous behaviour at the time of your Arrest on the tenth of May, last - A Copy of which order together with the Charges Against you are hereunto subjoined -

And I am Sir^r & C

James Fox

Captain Dearmond

Maj^r. R.M.Augusta 6th June 1798

Regimental Orders

Sir

Lest Captain Dearmond should be disposed to take exceptions, as to the manner of his Arrest, which, however, was strictly proper, yet unwilling that the true Merits of his case should be embarrassed by any foreign or trivial Matter I have Concluded to issue this Order.

Cap^t. Dearmond will now Consider himself under Arrest, as well for his Conduct on the second of May, as for unsoldierlike, disorderly and Mutinous behaviour at the time of his Arrest on the Tenth of May last; and, you will furnish him with a copy of this order & of the annexed Charges. You will at the same time demand his Sword in due form. This however, I presume is his Own property, & may be returned to him.

And I am

Major Fox.

Sir Your Ob^t
Robert WatkinsLut^t. Col. Comd^t

Captain Dearmond, of the Cavalry, will Consider himself under Arrest on the six following Charges viz.

- 1st For neglect of duty, and disobedience of Orders at the Regimental review on the 2^d of May, in not marching his troop, when the whole Battallion was ordered to march, through the town of Augusta.-
- 2^d For Contentious, disorderly, & wilful disobedience of orders, in not moving forward with his troop, immediately when ordered by the Major-on the same day.
- 3rd For wilful & contemptuous disobedience of orders in not moving forward and marching within twenty paces of the foot, when positively ordered-on the same day.
- 4th For unsoldierlike Contemptuous & mutinous Conduct in refusing to deliver his Sword and Submit to an Arrest agreeable to the order of the Lieu^t Colo for that purpose, on the same day
- 5th For Contemptuous, disorderly & mutinous Conduct on the 10th of May in refusing to submit to an Arrest by the Major, and for presuming while under arrest to give orders to Lieu^t Carter-
- & 6th For assuming & taking upon himself a power, notwaranted by law to order Lieu^t Carter to discharge or disband the troop in presence of his Superior officier, & after the Major had ordered the Lieu^t to take command of the troop

Robert Watkins Lu^t Col¹
Com^d Rich^d County Militia

(On Reverse)
N^o 4
Captain Dearmond

Sir

Having on the 17th Curr^t committed to the Post-Office, the Original of the letter which I take the liberty of enclosing herein, I am uneasy least it may not have been received by M^r Secretary Johnson, as I have not yet had the honor of a line, respecting the hope which I therein expressed relative to a Publication of the "Charges, of the different modes and times of" "Arrest and of my Defence (the Proceedings" "also, or any part thereof if your Excellency" "should think proper)"

I respectfully hope that you will please to order the Publication of the above: mentioned Matters or that, should you disapprove of it's being done at the Expence of the State, You will please to order the transmission of the Papers Papers or a Copy thereof) to me, and I shall defray the Expence of printing them.

With perfect Esteem and Respect

and sincere Wishes for your Happiness

I have the Honor of subscribing myself,

Your mo. respectfully obedient

humble Servant

^m
W. Dearmond

Augusta, 1st Aug^t 1798

His Excellency

The Governor

(On Reverse)

^m
W. Dearmond

August 1798

Court Martial

His Excellency

James Jackson Esqr

Governor of the State of Georgia

Louisville

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The 3 first charges are for disobedience of orders and all of the same kind. no other than a lawyer would have attempted to sepearate them therefore I shall consider them as they ought to be under one head I received orders to remain on the ground until farther orderes this is no proof that the word attention the whole as given on the 2nd of May must be under bombast if designed for us as it could not apply to my troop this is also in proof No attention being paid to my Troop or other orders given I felt as each of you would do on a real or supposed contempt by a superior officer & this appears to have been the sentiment of the whole Troop It is in proof that I sent after the foot marched off; my cornet for orders & that I was ordered still to wait for father orders that the Major came with those orders and which were put in execution as soon as the nature of circumstance would admit)

X My sword was demanded of me at the head of my troop marching in obedience to orders a demand as novel as I hope it will be unpresedented. The demand must have been designed to create what the 4th charge contemplates to wit a Mutiny and by engendering the offence to open the way for the prosecution and of who a soldier who never dreamed of such a deed but my sword was my own the law protected it & I had the right to retain it

X For the supposed disobedience of orders of the 2^d of May the Col attempts to prove I was arrested and yet strange to tell he sends me by the Major written orders to make returns of my troop Defaulters & who belonged to the troop on the same 2nd of May & stranger still to tel this order which is now before you is dated the 4th of May therefore admitting that I was under arrest by order of the Col on the 2nd of May his order of the 4th directing me to do duty was a reversion of the other & must show that in the Col.^s

own opinion I was not under arrest yet to all these proceedings have I submitted and left it to the choice of the prosecutor which of the two sets of written charges he would proceed on and here let me observe that the 1st of the 1st four charges is materially different from it's substitute the 1st of the 6 charges.

(now turn back to "my Sword"

On the 10th of May by order the Col I was again arrested verbally and when not on duty which is contrary to & in direct violation of the Militia law of this state which declares that the Commⁿ in Chief or a Gen^l only can arrest on certain occasions The Gen^l order of the Commander in chief is dated the 2nd of June for my tryal on charges exhibited by Col Watkins how then am I to answer for charges brought forward since the establishment of this Court Marshal and such as the Comm^r in chief could make known as contemplate this the Court will no doubt consider so as to have its proper weight

3) Has not the Col: acknowledged that he did not issue to me the orders which he was commanded by Brigade orders to do for the draft of my troops proportion of the 80,000 Men is this disobedience of orders or is it neglect of duty it must be one or the other and yet for this disobedience or neglect of his own has he told you I was accountable

I am charged with ordering my Troop to be disbanded or discharged on the 10th of May in the presence of my superior officer & that those orders were given to L^t. Carter in his presence whilst I was under arrest this charge & the evidence to support it can include nothing because if I was under arrest neither the Major or L^t would obey me or suffer me to be obeyed and if not under arrest I had a right at my option to give the order at my own risque but no such thing was attempted & my troop remain as they were-

By the law every arrest made by any person under the title of General is void when the Militia are not on duty how then stands the arrest of the 10th & 16th of May & the 6th of June exactly as if no such arrests had been made

4) After the Col met me on his review ground on the 2^d of May is it not in proof (sic) that he was sorry for the error and appeared well satisfied was this the effusion of returning moderation or language to deceive I hope not the latter though the first is not yet predominant.

Was any part of my conduct repugnant to a reconciliation, it was not; nor have I ever been the father of mischief or promoter of strife on the contrary I trust my character is the reverse

(On Reverse)

Sword private property
and protected by the law

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5) In closing my defence I can say that I feel neither hatred
malice or revenge but at the same time I must say that my feel-
ings had been much injured. These feelings you must yourselves
possess these feeling you will receive me in a proper light
Having served my Country faithfully both as a Soldier and a
Mechanick in the worst of times and for many years I did hope
that my character as both was irreproachable, nor do I know to
the contrary these are not the times to erect fudes among citezens
but to cultivate harmony which of these fall to my lot is for you
to say

William Dearmond

(No 1)

M^r President & Gentlemen

The long in the habits of serving my Country this is the first time
I have ever appeared before a Military tribunal in a criminal point
of view bred to a Mechanick trade I have practesed it with honest
industry Serving in the late war at the period of life most proper
for education I have missed the opportunity of improvement in Lit-
erary scence and will therefore I hope indulge me in making my de-
fence in the honest own language of a Soldier & with the sencerity
of an honest man.

Militia Proceedings

General Orders

Col R^t Watkins

Arrest by Col^l Watkins

v's

Capt Dearmond

Walter Taylor of the Richm^d light Infantry, hath, in
the plan of the Adjutant who is reported to be sick, attended on
this Court Martial One day

Certified this 4th day of July 1798 at Augusta

Jesse Sanders. L.C.C.K.M.

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and President of the court

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Augusta Dec^r 27th 1798

Sir

Since my last - M^r W^m. M^r Tyiere has come home; I have for several weeks waited for his affidavit of which he had a rough draft written but he has not yet made it. were an account of the guns ordered from him perhaps he would in his own defence make affidavit Relative to them.

I shall get some affidavits to prove that the Richmond County members of the Court martial was not taken Regularly from the Poster and that the Col^l disobeyed orders Relative thereto- Should your Excell^y think my personal attendance necessary at the sitting of the assembly pleas let me know and I will take the affidavits with me otherwise I shall send them to you--

I am sir your Excellency

Obt^t sev^t

W^m Dearmond

(On Reverse)

Augusta Ga 8

His Excellency James Jackson Esq^r

Govenor of the State
of Georgia

Willm Dearmond

Augusta 27 Dec^r 1798

Court Martial

I do hereby certify that I have been and acted as Adjutant to the Richmond County Militia for some years previously to the resignation of Col^o Ambrose Gordon - that previously to the Trial of Captⁿ W^m Dearmond, on application to me made by Col^l Watkins, I certified in writing that Captⁿ Joseph Stiles had served on a General Court Martial; but in the course of two or three hours afterwards, I acquainted Col^l Watkins personally that I had been mistaken in said Certificate the Col^l said he would acquaint Gen^l Glascock of the mistake, and that it should be rectified - soon after said conversation, Captain Dearmond called on me, and I certified to him in writing that I had notified the above mentioned mistake unto Col^l Watkins -- that I have, when Adjutant under the Command of Col^l Stallings and of Col^l Gordon, known Captⁿ William Dearmond to conduct him^f in and thro different Military Grades, so, to the best of my observation and opinion, as becomes the good Soldier and the worthy Officer --

Augusta January 7th 1799 --

B Pool

(Reverse)

Baxter Poole's

Certificate - late Adj^t

1799

Courts of Enquiry

State Georgia)
Glynn County)

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of said County
for the purpose of deliberating on measures for
the protection of the same; They proceeded to the appointment
of a Chairman, when Col^l. John McIntosh was unanimously appointed
to the same

Resolved that a Committee be chosen for the pur-
pose of laying their Situation before the General Government, that
that Committee shall be Vested with full powers as to the mode of
carrying the foregoing resolution into effect, That the preparing
such address, and the forwarding it on to the Government, be left
wholly with the Committee

Resolved that John Couper Thomas Spalding Samuel
Wright & J. Burnett, be that Committee

McIntosh -
Chairman

April 25th 1798

John Goods Clk

(REVERSE)

applicati (torn)
county of Glynn (torn)
protection
acted on 2 Ju (torn)

Military

To his Excellency
James Jackson esqr
Govern^r of Georgia

Augusta 4th May 1798Capt.ⁿ Dearmond

Will, in pursuance of orders from the Lieu.^t Colonel Comodant, take order for rendering me a complete return of the Several men belonging to your Company Agreeable to the form prescribed, as you will find inclosed.

You will also render me an exact return of the defaulters on the 1st & 2nd May both of officers and privates.

The above Orders you will attend to and report the same to me on Saturday next at furthest

and I am

Y^r Mo^t Ob^t

James Fox

Maj^r R. M.

Rejemental

Order of 4th May

No. 5

with enclosure

Captain Dearmond

Light-Horse

P^r

Adjutant

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Savannah,
9^t June 1798

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform your Excellency that money to discharge the Militia payrolls in this State for which appropriations were made last Session of Congress, is now lodged in the Bank of the United States in Charleston and that I shall go in a few days to that place for the purpose of receiving it.

Capt. Randolph has been so obliging as to take charge of a letter from me to Colonel Pope, whom I have requested to meet me here on my return - There shall not be any unnecessary delay in placing this money in the hands of the paymaster; which he will immediately pay, agreeably to the instructions he may receive from the War Office.

I have the honor to be

with great respect

Your Excellency's

Most Obedient

humble Servant

Const^t Freeman

AWD

His Excellency
the Governor of Georgia.

Constant Freeman
AWD

Savannah 9 June 98
Ordered to be filed 19 June 98
Pay Militia

His Excellency Governor James Jackson

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Greenesborough June the 20th 1798

Sir:

In obedience to your Excellency's orders of the 27th of april last past, referring to me to report thereon, Sundry Inclosed respecting M^r John Walton of Columbia County's not performing a tour of duty, to which he was drafted in September 1794.

After due examination of Said official vouchers, and a further inquiry from all the commissioned officers of the Columbia Regiment, which were present at the Regimental review held in that County the 5th of May last past; as also a conference I held with said M^r Walton on the Subject, on the same day.

It is my humble opinion that it will be conducive to the good of the militia Service, if your Excellency is pleased to revoke the orders taken by your Excellency's predecessor, in date of the 4th of march 1795, Suspending the effects of a sentence of the Court martial held at Columbia Courthouse on the 3^d of January 1795, as far as respected M^r Walton's case: Or, in the terms of the militia Law, where Sentences are meerely pecuniary: again "refer the approval, disapproval or mitigation of said Sentence to the officer who ordered the Court."

I shall do myself the honor of bringing and lodging in the Executive Chamber, all the papers which accompanied aforesaid orders.

I have the honor to remain with profound respect

Your Excellency's Most humble and most obed.^t servant,
Jonas Fauche A. G.

(REVERSE)

Governor James Jackson
Louisville
Jonas Fauche Adjat. Genl.
Order taken 3rd July 98
Military

State of Georgia) At an Election began and held at the house of
Hancock County)

William Reece's for a Lieutenant in Cap^t. James Shorters Company of Militia of the first Battalion Com^d by Major^o Ranes, in the place of George Cotton (resignd) Jerimiah Beall was Elected by a great Majority as by the Inclosed poll held for said Election - Given under our hands this 2nd day of July Anno Dom 1798

J Beall Peter Dent Justices of the
Robt kelly 1 Jo.(torn)h Beals Peace Superinteng
Martin Standly 2 the said Election

Shemidh Drake 3 Mumford Lawsen 24

Absolem Barns 4 Frederic Scott 25

Robert Mitchel 5 William Hutson 26

henry Jakson 6 John coldwell 27

Thomas hill 7 Charles kelly 28

John fonklin 8 Thadduis pirdens 29

sion fields 9 William fondin 30

Robert H Map 10 William Tatem 31

Isaac Jacson 11 Natha^l. Clay 32

David Jackson 12 henry Miller 33

James Barns 13 Jacob Moon 34

Isasc Newton 14 James wilkerson 35

John kelley 15 Poles Closed

John Dickson 16 William Bullock Clerk

Thomas Lawson 17

Nathan Barns 18 Barkesdale

Levy Dannel 19 William Loyd 5

Thomas Scot 20 John hill 6

William Newsom 21 John Loyd 3

Joseph Barns 22

Drury Mitchel 23

(On Reverse)

Return of a nomination from the County of Hancock.

Jere Beal & not Cotton Former Lieut

Poles Held for Leutenant in the Place of George Cotton Resinged the 28th Day of July at the house of William Rees 1798

His Excel^y James Jackson Esq^r
Governor of the state of Georgia.

Sir) It appears by an Act of Assembly of the State of Georgia for appropriating Money for the year one thousand Seven hundred and ninty Seven, that there was a Sum equal to three and a forth Cents per day appropriated for each private foot militia man Raised agreeable to the within muster Roll- will therefore thank you to Send me the money by Peter Van Allin Esq^r Who is hereby Authorised to Receipt for the same

Sir Yours Respectfully

July 6th. 1798

John Reynolds

N.B. General Mereweather took down my muster and Pay Roll at the last Session of assembly for to receive the Pay due, the did not receive, owing to the former Governor going out of office about the same time they were presented

J.R.

(on Reverse)

James Jackson Esq^r

Governor of Georgia

Hon^d. by P. Vn. Allen Esq^r

Pay and Muster Roll of Lieut John Reynolds from 1st Infantry 8 May

Order taken

16 Novr 1799

Communication from

Thomas King

Camden County, 2nd July 1798

Ordered to be filed

6th Aug^t 1798.

Miscell. Military.

Miscellaneous

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St. Marys, 27 July 1798

His Excellency the Gov^r of Georgia
Louisville

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At an Election begun and held at Matthew Colsons on Saturday the 7th Day of July 1798, for the purpose of electing Militia Officers for the Said District

N ^o	Voters names.
1	Benjamin Hill
2	Michial Dickson
3	Jn ^o Fleeting
4	Henry Fletchon
5	Zacheriah Smith
6	Jn ^o M ^o Rea
7	Josiah Jackson
8	Henry Colson
9	William Grim
10	Abram Hunter
1	Jn ^o Sands
2	Jn ^o Woods
3	Tho ^s Woods
4	Jn ^o Bushing
5	Tho ^s Neeland
6	Moses Strawham
7	William Hodges
8	Rob ^t Coughram
9	Rob ^t Black
20	James Williams
1	D Howard
2	Robert Williams
3	Jn ^o Devow
4	Robert Jockey
5	James Jones

6	William Mcmillin
7	Moses Howard
8	Hillory Carson
9	James Caswell
30	D Colson
1	Rich ^d Woolf
2	John Hendiaker
3	Robt ^t Dickson
4	Allen Dickson

Willis Spears	Cap ^t		29
Robt ^t Black	Cap ^t		6
Abram Hunter	Leut.		34
Jn ^o Sands	Ensign		17
Henry Colson	Ditto		10
Robt ^t Coughram	Do		
Jn ^o Rushing	Ditto		6
Robt ^t Black	Leut.		1

Louisville - July 18th 1798.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of this date, requesting a Statement of the Captivity and Treatment of M^r. Williams, a citizen of Georgia while in confinement at Fort Wilkinson

Some time in the last winter- Lieut^t Col^l Gaither Comm^d ordered Captain Taylor with a Detachment of Dragoons to proceed up the Oconee river from Fort Wilkinson and make prisoners of all Persons, (Indians excepted) that he might fall in with on the Indian Side of the line - Capt Taylor proceeded accordingly and found, Sleeping, in a boat which was tied to the Indian Shore, M^r Williams a citizen of Georgia -

Capt^t Taylor informed him that he believed he had violated the Laws of the United States in crossing the Indian line and that it would be proper for him to go to Col^l Gaither for an investigation on the Subject, to which the citizen acquiesced - -

When the circumstance was made known to Col^l Gaither, the citizen was confined under the main guard, in the open woods, hand-cuff'd and chained to a Stump-

The next day one of the Soldiers informed me that the Prisoner suffered for want of Provisions and bedding, the weather being very cold, I furnished him accordingly - The Prisoner remained in confinement Six or Eight days, was then Sent to Savannah under the direction of Capt^t Taylor to the Federal Judge for the District of Georgia to be dealt with as the Law might farther direct - The Judge, on examining into the merits of the case was of opinion that the citizen had not violated the Laws of the United

States and Liberated him -

In answer to the Second paragraph of your letter -
you may rest assured Sir, that there is no appointment could
be given me, the honor or profits of which would enduce me
to part with the rights & priveledges of my fellow citizens,
the establishment of which has cost me more than money or
Fatigue - The loss of a tender & Indulgent Father!

I am,

Sir

with due respect

your Excellency's

obdt Servant

Hugh M^cCall

His Excellency

The Governor of Georgia

(Reverse)

Ensign Hugh M^cCall

Louisville 18 July 1798.

Ordered to be filed

21 July 1798.

Indian Affairs

His Excellency

James Jackson,

Governor of Georgia

Louisville

We the underwritten superintendants of an Election, held in the Town of Petersburg on Saturday the 21st day of July 1798 for officers of a volunteer company of horse, certify the following to be a true statement

Names of the Company

John Coleman	Genie Tate
Thomas Tate	Regnal N. Groves
Tho ^s Coleman	Thoms Burton
Mayfield Bell	George Cook
James Coleman	W ^m Hudson
W ^m Goode	Jn ^o Sharpe
Tho ^s Douglas	Abraham Colson
Asa Thompson	G. Higginbotham
Robt. Martin	Jas Hatcher
Jn ^o Ragland	Leonard Luderson
Hudson Ragland	Littlebery Wilson
Tho ^s Ackin	Rob ^t McGray
Jene. Walker	Whitfield Wilson
Joseph Sales	Jas Powel
W ^m Hatcher	Wels Thompson
Arch ^d Douglas	Thos Mourger
Patrick Peace	H. G. Brewer
Lewis Sales	Tho ^s Thornton
Willis Rucker	Joseph Williams
L S Bryan	W ^m Ackin
Elisha Towns	
Garrat Waltham	

Officers

W^m Goode, Captain

Thomas Coleman Lieut.

Thomas Douglass Cornett

The above officers were duly elected

John Oliver)

Thompson Bird)

Elisha Brewer)

Superintendants of the
Election

His Excellency will please forward on the commissions by post

I do hereby certify that this company is a Volunteer Company of
Light Horse and do not Enterfear with any other company in the
County - Given under my hand this 30th June 1798.

N3 An do further certify
that the Troop Belongs to }
the Battallion that I
command

John Oliver Maj^r

J.O.M^r

Reverse:- His Excellency

James Jackson
Louisville

Return of a nomination from Elbert County
W^m Goode Captn Thomas Coleman Lieut
Thomas Douglas Cornett Vol. troop of horse
Certified not signed as J.P.s.

GEORGIA.

To His Excellency James Jackson Governor, and Commander in chief of the Army and Navy of the State, and of the Militia thereof.

The Memorial of the Corporation of the City of Savannah

RESPECTFULLY STATES.

That your Memorialists, on taking a view of the present threatening posture of Public affairs, - The approaching warlike attitude our Common Country is about to assume, - the consequent necessity of preparing for vigorous and timely measures of self defence, - The exposed situation of this City and its neighbouring coast, with the ready access to it, by land and water, - the facility and security, with which, small armed vessels may approach even to the docks of the Town, and the ease with which it may be laid under contribution, or destroyed., - would beg leave to suggest to your Excellency, the expediency of taking these subjects, into very serious deliberation.

Your memorialists are sensible of the embarrassed state of your Excellency, occasioned by the Legislature, at their last session, not having contemplated the perplexing condition, to which, we are reduced and consequently making no provision against so calamitous a crisis. Yet your memorialists cannot help thinking, that, the double maxim of "salus populi suprema est lex", and "nec-essitas nullum habet Legem" will at the present juncture well justify a little exercise of discretion, in the absence of the Legislature, especially, when it is considered, that, the very delay in convening the Legislature may produce the evils to be apprehended, or, be a greater charge to the community than even the aid required by the City, for immediate purposes.

Your memorialists viewing the Governor of the State as the proper organ to represent to the General Government the ex-

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posed situation of different parts of the State, would take the liberty of suggesting to your Excellency, the propriety of remonstrating in strong terms to the Executive Government of the United States, - stating the absolute necessity of an additional number of gallies & men; that this necessity arises out of the relative boundaries of the state, - on one side limited by numerous rivers & inlets, and on two others by people in whose friendship we have little reason to rely, in case of a rupture. Your memorialists take the liberty of mentioning the following places as the most eligible for fortifications viz: Tybee Point-Salters Island - Beaulie & Thunderbolt.

Your memorialists, with submission, consider the City of Savannah in the present condition of the country, to be the Emporium of the State: and that should any fatal accident befall it for want of a little timely aid and exertion, - the consequences will be felt, not only by its Citizens, - but by the Citizens of the State generally, for many years to come.

Your memorialists would further suggest, that several of the states whose relative situation makes them much more secure than this; have convened their assemblies in order to devise means of defence, in aid of the General Government, and have actually voted considerable sums of money for the purpose, - and two of the Executives have appropriated largely, on consulting such members as were near at hand.

Your memorialists will not trouble your Excellency with remarks, on the constant duty the citizens of Savannah have for a long time undergone, by night and by day, and are still obliged to continue for their security, at this very unseasonable time of the year, and their inability to furnish the necessary sums of money to put the town & inlets into any tolerable state of security, - as these circumstances must be well known to your Excellency.

Your memorialists therefore pray that your Excellency tak-

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ing the purport of this memorial into serious consideration, will represent to the President of the United States as early as possible, the absolute necessity of an additional number of gallies, - that it will be highly expedient that forts be erected and manned at Tybee Point, - Salters Island, - Beaulie & Thunderbolt Bluff, and that your Excellency will grant such aid as may appear adequate, or in case your Excellency should be of opinion that this cannot be done without the intervention of the Legislature, that your Excellency will call them together at a very early day.

Matt. McAllister Mayor

Savannah

August 29 1798

(Reverse)

Corpn Savannah

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Washington August 28 1798

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Sir

I am sorry it will not be in my power to comply with your Verbal order with respect To the inspection of Cap^t Williamson's Troop, in consequence of my being oblidge^d To appropriate Tomorrow and next Day, To summoning The Court Martial for the Tryal of Maj^r Pruett and have To attend the Court martial on Monday - Neither do I think it will be a matter of conveneience To Cap^t Williamson untill the whole of those who at present are, and hitherto have been under his Command, can be collected Together, and Inspected at the same Time, as it will be impossible for me to Certify there being mounted and accoutred according To Law without ever seeing them, otherwise they cannot Receive pay under the present arangement -

I have the Honor To be with Esteem

Y^r Ob^dt^d Sv^t

H. M^oCall

Brigade Maj^r

Col. Elholm

(Reverse) Col^l

Attention of)

L^t Hays)

A. C. G. Elholm

Hillhouse's Iron Works

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Savannah September 4, 1798

Dear Sir

Having recieved information from several officers of the 1st Battalion that Lieutenant Anderson, of the Courthouse Company did actually enlist as a private Soldier in the Troop of Federal horse now in this this City: I immediately applied to Capt. Webb of said Troop who informed me that he could prove that L^t Anderson was regularly enlisted by his Sergeant. I applied also to Captⁿ Throop who said he understood what was said of the L^t was fact. I understand that upon the solici- tation of the friends of of L^t A. Captⁿ Webb discharged him - such conduct I concieve will bring the service into disrepute and think it my duty to lay the case before you for your information. -

I am with with all due respect your very Hon St

Joseph Roberts Capt
Command^r City Savannah

Colonal Josiah Tattnall

(Reverse)

Colonel Josiah Tattnall
Savannah

Sept 4. 1798

Court Martial