

1804.  
May 15 We advise that Commissions issue appointing Geo. W. Smith, Captain, William Davidson, Lieutenant, and Geo. W. Dixon, Ensign, of the within Company of Light Infantry.

AL. McRAE,  
LYNE SHACKELFORD,  
A. STUART.

May 19th, 1804.

WM. NELSON, JR., AND ARCH'D STUART TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 18,  
Suffolk At the present District Court holden at this place, an order was made to send to the State of Delaware, a negro boy named George who was brought before the Court on a habeas corpus, it appearing that he was free, and had been kidnapped from the Town of Dover in that State, and it appearing also that a certain — Bonnet, who had brought him to this State, and in whose possession the boy was when the writ was awarded, had combined with one Enoch Gabb of Maryland and one — Clarke in this crime; the Court ordered Bonnet to be committed to goal until the Executive of this State may communicate with the Executive of Delaware, who will no doubt demand him on being notified of his arrest here. The enclosed affidavit will give the Executive more particular information on this subject, and we have no doubt but that body will take the proper steps to have the person accused of this inhuman offence, delivered on application of the Executive of Delaware.

We have the honor to be, &c.

WM. NELSON, JR.,  
ARCH'D STUART.

P. S.—The order of the Court is also enclosed.  
[The affidavit and order not found.—Ed.]

THOMAS M. CLARKE TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 18,  
Campbell I have been informed that there is a further number of muskets, &c. in Richmond ready for the 53rd Reg't of Militia in the County of Campbell. To this Reg't there is a Company of Artillery annexed, who reside in the Town of Lynchburg, in which place there is considerable wealth deposited, and as the Captain and men display a military pride, *probably not equalled by many in the State*, in equipping themselves with complete uniform, &c., I beg leave to suggest the propriety of the Guns, &c., being sent to Lynchburg for their use. If, Sir, you should think proper to forward the arms to this Company, there can be an easy conveyance obtained up James River by Boats, and they can be sent directly to Captain Thos. W. Cocke, who resides in Lynchburg and commands the Com-

pany alluded to. I am informed that there is one field piece at New London that belongs to the State. This I would be glad to obtain leave to remove to Lynchburg for the use of the Company aforesaid, who would take the greatest care of it, and will have any repairs that are necessary made to the carriage, &c., at their own expense, and will return the same on application. As the Company will be very full and complete, and as Captain Cocke shews an unexampled pride in instructing his men in their duty, &c., if it should be practicable and consistent with the arrangements made for the arming of the militia, I should be glad that his Company should be completely armed with all the necessary small arms and accoutrements, and that he should, if possible, be furnished with a small field piece in addition to the one at New London. With trusting that these remarks and solicitations will meet your approbation,

I am, &c.

At a Superior Court held at Hay Market for the District composed of the Counties of Loudoun, Fauquier, Fairfax, and Prince William, the 19th day of May, 1804:

Present—The Honorable Paul Carrington, Jr., Esq., Judge.

On the motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth, it is ordered that Gwyn Page, Thomas Swann, William Tyler, and Edmund Brooke, Esqs., or any three of them, do view the present situation of the Court-House and Lott, the Clerk's office and Gaol of this District generally as to the state of repair in which these buildings now are, and report thereon to this Court.

A report of Edmund Brooke, William Tyler, and Thomas Swann, Esquires, three of the Commissioners appointed at this term to examine into the present situation of the Court-House, Lot, &c., returned, their report stating that the buildings were in bad condition.

W. C. NICHOLAS TO THE GOVERNOR.

When I passed through Richmond on my journey to this town, I should have presented to your Excellency the resignation of my seat in the Senate of the United States, had I formed the resolution that I have now taken.

The President of the United States having offered to my acceptance the post of Collector of Norfolk, I came hither to decide after a more accurate view of the subject what measure I ought to adopt. The high honor that has been conferred upon me by my country, has never ceased to be duly appreciated with the fullness of gratitude which it so justly

May 22,  
Norfolk

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