

**Dumfries Va., April 9<sup>th</sup> 1836**  
**Governors Executive Papers – Wyndham Robertson**  
**Accession # 43097, Box # 2, Folder 6**  
**To the Governor & Council of Virginia**

Sir:

In ordinary times I should not make this communication, but in order to gain time for a proper understanding & thorough conviction by the people of Virginia of the Conspiracy of Moderate Abolitionist & temperate Jacksonmen against the Property of the South, and Peace of the Union. I hold it expedient polite & just to dispute the legality of the vote just taken in Prince William County on the grounds that the election at the Dumfries Precinct was not opened until 4 P.M. Tuesday and which according to Law should have been opened on the same day as at the Court House (Monday).

I have to request in time a non writ of Election as the last was continually violated. I have written to Mr. Baxter the Attorney General & hope his opinion may be favorable to the grant of the writ.

W. S. Colguhoun  
one of the Candidates

**Prospect Hill, Prince William County, November 16<sup>th</sup> 1836**  
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**To the Governor & Council of Virginia**

About a week past I wrote to your Honour's praying to suspend sending a Commission to John Fox gentlemen, for the Sheriffatty of Prince William County until I could prove to your satisfaction why the said John Fox should not be commissioned.

Herewith you will find a full statement made out by the Clerk of Prince William County Court of the nominations from the year 1822 up to November 1835.

Your Honour will discover that John Fox gentleman was 2<sup>nd</sup> in nomination at June Court 1822 and that he was 2<sup>nd</sup> in nomination at June Court 1823 and that he was also 2<sup>nd</sup> in nomination in 1824 – here it might be well to remind your Honours, Charles Ewell, was placed at the head of the nominations Charles Ewell many years past had been commissioned and acted as Sheriff of this County and a few years before he was nominated in 1824 he the said Charles Ewell removed from this county to the State of Kentucky leaving his wife in Fauquier County and on his return for his wife, owing to deaths & other causes he found the Sheriffatty in regular rotation would soon come to his turn a second time, and became back to Prince William County & remained until he was nominated at June Court 1824 and commissioned in due form.

Whether John Fox gentleman took umbrage at the Court (which he had just cause) for putting Charles Ewell at the head of the nomination, after removing out of the State with a bonafied intention there to remain is not for me to say; But so it was that John Fox gentleman referred to act as a Justice of the Peace from that time – had John Fox gentleman aborted his right at November Court after C. Ewells term, there is not the least doubt but he would have been first in nomination and duly commissioned. But it appears he did not make his claim until November Court 1830 at which time the court by an order refused to nominate him for certain reasons therein set forth – So that it fully appears John Fox gentleman has refused to act as a Magistrate for the last twelve years past. I feel confident that had all the Court have known the circumstances herein set forth they would not have put John Fox gentleman in nomination at all; at least one of the court has stated to me he would not under all the circumstances heretofore set forth as well the certificate of the Clerk of the County Court I presume I am entitled to the Commission.

Very respectfully your obedient servant  
John Hutchinson

**Prince William County, November 17<sup>th</sup> 1836**  
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**To the Governor & Council of Virginia**

We the subscribers having been Neighbours to Capt. John Fox during the last several years do hereby certify that during that time he has been fully competent to discharge the duties of High Sheriff of the County. We consider him well qualified for that office and in our opinion is justly entitled to a Commission for acting in that capacity for the succeeding two years.

Given under our hands the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1836  
Seymour Lynn  
James Arnold  
John Stone  
John Pearson  
Thompson Lynn

**Richmond Va., November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1836**  
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**To the Governor & Council of Virginia**

The Affidavit of John Fox given this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1836

The Affiant saith that he never did wave his right to the Sheriffatty of Prince William County. And that he has acted as a Magistrate in said County, every year for twenty seven years past. That if he ever did fail to claim his right to the said office. He was prevented from doing so by that affliction which his God was pleased to send upon him.

John Fox

Prince William County to Wit:

This day John Fox personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace, and solemnly affirmed that the above affidavit is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1836

Joseph Tate Mayor of  
& Justice of the peace in  
& for said City.

**Occoquan Va., March 11<sup>th</sup> 1837**  
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**Accession # 43097, Box 3, Folder 3**

Prince William County, State of Virginia  
To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia

Sir,

I hereby resign my Commission of Justice of the Peace for the aforesaid County. Please regard it as vacated.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant  
James Foster, 10 March 1837

**Brentsville, Va., September 21<sup>st</sup> 1836**  
**Governors Executive Papers – Wyndham Robertson**  
**Accession # 43097, Box # 4 oversized, Folder 2**  
**List of Magistrates in Prince William County**

To Wyndham Robertson Esquire,  
Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia  
Richmond, Va.

Names	Date of Commission	Date of Qualification	Remarks
John Fox	not given	Nov. 9, 1809	
Charles Ming	Sept. 30, 1812	Nov. 3, 1812	
John Hooe	Apr. 16, 1816	May 6, 1816	
Jesse Ewell	Aug. 16, 1817	Sept. 1, 1817	
Michael Cleary	June 10, 1819	Aug. 2, 1819	Sheriff 1833
George W. Jackson	Feb. 02, 1822	Mar. 4, 1822	Died in April 1834
Robert Hamilton	Feb. 02, 1822	Mar. 5, 1822	Died in March 1835
Richard Foote	Sept. 20, 1822	Oct. 7, 1822	Died in Feb. 1834
James Foster	Mar. 15, 1823	Jun. 3, 1823	Sheriff April 1835
John Hutchison	Sept. 02, 1823	Nov. 3, 1823	
L. G. Alexander	Sept. 02, 1823	Nov. 3, 1823	
Thomas Nelson	Sept. 02, 1823	Nov. 3, 1823	
Redmon Foster	Sept. 02, 1823	Nov. 3, 1823	
Charles S. Carter	May 26, 1824	July 5, 1824	Removed in 1834
Stuart G. Thornton	July 08, 1825	Sept. 5, 1825	
Jas. B.T. Thornton	July 08, 1825	Sept. 5, 1825	
John Fitzhugh	Feb. 21, 1826	Mar 6, 1826	
Thomas B. Hamilton	Feb. 27, 1827	June 5, 1827	
Benjamin Johnson	Oct. 30, 1827	Nov. 5, 1827	
James B. Ewell	Oct. 30, 1827	Nov. 5, 1827	
George G. Tyler	Oct. 28, 1828	Feb. 3, 1829	
Thomas C. Thornton	Jul 02, 1830	Aug. 2, 1830	Resigned June 3, 1833
John W. Williams	Jul.02, 1830	Aug. 2, 1830	
Wm. H. Tebbs	Dec. 4, 1830	Jan. 3, 1831	Removed Nov. 1835
Albert Newman	Dec. 4, 1830	Jan. 3, 1831	

F. H. Muschett	Dec. 28, 1831	Apr. 2, 1832	Resigned 1833
George Weedon	Dec. 28, 1831	Feb. 6, 1832	
Jesse E. Weems	Apr. 01, 1833	May 6, 1833	
Robert Williams	Jan. 29, 1834	Feb. 3, 1834	
Wm. T. Colguhoun	Jan. 29, 1834	Mar. 3, 1834	
Allen Howison	Jul. 22, 1834	Aug. 4, 1834	
Frederick Foote	Jun. 29, 1835	Aug. 3, 1835	
Samuel H. Janney	Jun. 29, 1835	Aug. 3, 1835	