

Prince William County Court, June 5th 1787

Box 1, Folder 6

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Edmund Randolph

Present, William Tebbs, Richard Graham, Jesse Ewell, James Ewell, Bernard Hooe, William Linton, Alexander Lithgow and Pope, gentlemen justices.

Ordered that the following gentlemen be recommended to his Excellency the Governor as officers of the Militia of this County. Henry Lee Esq. - as County Lieutenant, Jesse Ewell Esq. - colonel, James Ewell Esq. - lieutenant colonel, Willoughby Tebbs - major, William Edward Wiatt - captain, John Brown - lieutenant and William Cundiffe - ensign of the Company of light infantry. Charles Ewell, William Helm, William Farrow, Samuel Abbot Love, Henry Hampton, John Kincheloe, Thomas Sanford, Robert Overall, William Ashmore, William Linton, Burr Peyton, Nathaniel Ralls and William Downman - as Captains; James, Samuel Jackson, William Carter, Solomon Ewell, William Skinner, Charles Attwell, William Linton Sen., Jacob Marshall, Enoch Renoe, Colin Campbell, Samuel Jackson Jun., Robert Hedges and James Foley – as Lieutenants; and Bertrand Ewell, Lewis Renoe, Philip Dawe, Robert Matthews, George Gray Tyler, John Mathews, John Linton, John Edington, Martin Hancock, John Redmon, Carty Wells and James Johnson as ensigns for the remainder of the said Militia.

Teste, Robert Graham, Cl. Cur.

Prince William County Court, November 7th 1787

Box 1, Folder 6

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Edmund Randolph

Present, William Tebbs, Richard Graham, Alexander Litgow and William Edward Wiatt, gentlemen justices.

Ordered that the following gentlemen be recommended to his Excellency the Governor as officers in the petition of the county: Jesse Ewell Esq. as county lieutenant; James Ewell Esq. as colonel; Willoughby Tebbs Esq. as lieutenant colonel; Charles Ewell Esq. as major; James James, Luke Cannon, Wormley Carter, and Solomon Ewell as captains; Walter Graham, Thomas Newman, Robert Matthews, George Gray Tyler, Bertram Ewell, George Tennell, and John Linton as lieutenants; James Triplett, Henry Brown, Charles Ewell Jun., John Wiatt Jun., John Stewart, John Howison, and Vincent Gray as ensigns.

Teste, Robert Graham Cl. Cur.

Prince William County, November 19th 1787

Box 1, Folder 6

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Edmund Randolph

To his Excellency Edmund Randolph Esq. Governor of Virginia & the Honorable the Privy Council, Your petitioners a Capt. in the Militia for the County of Prince William requests that Jesse Ewell Esq. the County Lieutenant may be arrested & tried by a General Court Martial for the following charges. First for a breach of his word in not making a timely application to his Excellency the Governor & the Honorable the Privy Council, to have the rank of Captain settled which he promised to do at a meeting of the Captains for regulating the companies of Militia on the 12th day of October 1787. Secondly, for promising privates to be recommended by the Court under a misrepresentation over the heads of lieutenants. Thirdly, for promising a man to be recommended who wanted capacity & common understanding? Fourthly, for partial & ungentlemanly like behavior on the parade at a General muster of the 29th of November 1787. Fifthly, for want of knowledge as an officer in Military duty.

William Helm

N. B. – any orders directed to this county in respect to the above is requested to be directed to lieutenant Colonel Willoughby Tebbs. The Col. Commandant is instructed in the business.

William Helm

Dumfries, Va., November 29th 1787

Box 1, Folder 6

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Edmund Randolph

Capt. James' deposition

At the request of Col. Jesse Ewell, I have made the following statement of the General Muster, November 29, 1787.

The Militia for the County having been ordered to attend the General muster the above day at Randels Tavern. Capt. Helm asked Capt. Ewell before the troops went to the field (it being near ¼ mile from Randels were

the regiment was to be formed) whether he intended to act as a Captain or Major (he being at that time recommended a Major) to which Ewell made answer that he intended to act as Captain. Nothing more passed before the companies arrived on the field of parade which to the best of my remembrance stands this.

Several of the Companies formed at Randels and marched in form to the field and their halted; when the Regiment was to be formed (the mode of arrangement not being determined on) Capt. Charles Ewell thought he was entitled to the right of the Regiment both from being an older officer than any there and the first recommended by the Court to the Governor as appears from their records. Captain's Linton, Helm & Farrow objected to it and said he was not. Col. Ewell then told the Captains that as there was no satisfactory way of drawing them up, that they should fall in as the Court had recommended them, at the same gave Capt. Cannon who then acted as adjutant a copy from record of the recommendation, and said those Capt. that did not fall in - in that way might call their rolls and discharge their men, any promises of Colonel Ewell's to the Captain of falling in promiscuously before they come to the field I know nothing of. -

James James

Prince William County to Wit:

The within deposition was taken in the presence of Col. Jesse Ewell & Capt. Wm. Helm & sworn to before me this 6th day of December 1788.

Alexander Lithgow

Dumfries, Va., November 29th 1787

Box 1, Folder 7

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Edmund Randolph

Vincent Gray deposition

Being called on by Col. Jesse Ewell to declare what I know respecting the proceedings of the General Muster at John Randolph's in the County of Prince William on the 29th of November 1787 which is this -

That Captain Charles Ewell had his roll called, formed and marched his company from the house of Jno. Randolph to the field where we was to perform our grand parade, there halted & formed again to wait for further orders & the other companies formed & followed him until the whole body arrived on the said field, and after the arrival of the whole body there arose various disputes respecting rank and who was entitled to the right of the Regiment.

And Capt. Charles Ewell there & then declared that he was, from the arrangement of the court of our said county, and that he would not give it up, and in case they would not allow him what he actually conceived himself & company entitled too, he would withdraw his company and dismiss his men.

And on the adjutant of that day being made acquainted with the circumstance. I was imposed that he rode up to Col. Ewell and acknowledged him what they should do, but what his reply was I did not hear, but I understood from some that his orders was that they should fall in perniciously. But Col. Ewell then rode up as far as Capt. Ewell's Company & there halted, but whether his will ask again I do not know, but to the best of my knowledge there he said that all those captains which did not choose to fall in as the court had arranged them, or as they had been arranged but which I now don't recollect, might call their rolls and dismiss their men, as they could not settle their rank among themselves, but as to the adjutants being served with copy of the arrangements of that day I do not know, but I remember of hearing him call the officers and the said officers gave him their attendance in the front of the Regiment where was assembled all the field officers but what was there debates I do not know.

Vincent Gray

Prince William County - The above deposition taken by consent of the parties was sworn to by Mr. Vincent Gray of full age before me.

January 13, 1789

Richard Graham

Dumfries, Va., March 11th 1788

Virginia Governors Papers – Edmund Randolph

To his Excellency the Governor & Counsel, Richmond

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to inform your Honourable Body that the present salary allowed the Searcher at the Port of Quantico is by no means adequate to the trouble & insufficient to enable me to support my family, if I pay that attention necessary to the business; Therefore if the Port will not admit of the salary being enlarged together with my

being allowed an assistant in case of sickness or absence on Public Business. I must request you will appoint some other person in my place.

I have the honor to be your very obedient humble servant
Walter Graham, Searcher
Port Quantico

Dumfries, Va., April 9th 1788

Virginia Governors Papers – Edmund Randolph

To his Excellency the Governor & Counsel, Richmond

Gentlemen,

I am informed that Mr. Walter Graham has resigned his office as Searcher at the port of Quantico, if his resignation is excepted of and that vacancy not yet filled I will except of it, and I am not unacquainted with that business, & you can oppose that trust in me, and will endeavor to execute that office with the best of my skill and judgment & be your Honor's most obedient servant.

Vincent Gray

As I have not the honour to be acquainted with any of the Honorable body. I would wish them to consult any of the following gentlemen respecting me sir. Col. Wm. Grayson or Mr. Alexander Henderson, Dumfries, or Mr. Geo. Gray at William Alexander Esq. Richmond, who are all acquainted with me and will give any information necessary.

V. G.