

Richmond, January 1784**Box 1, Folder 8****Governors Executive Papers – Patrick Henry**List of Balances on Judgments for Taxes of 1783 due the 1st February 1783

Counties	Revenue Tax		Certificate Tax	
	Sheriff	Balances	Sheriff	Balances
Accomack	Lewis Jones	576-12-6		
Albemarle	James Quarles	973-4----	Clifton Rhodes	1331---4
Augusta	Wm. Bowyer	1253-3-1		
Bedford	Grass Sings?	2062---6	Grass Serigs?	427-1-7
Brunswick	Thomas Edmonds	432-10-1		
Buckingham	Charles May	703-19-2 ³ / ₄		
Campbell	John Hunton	446-18-6 ¹ / ₂	John Hunton	52-4-2
Caroline	Will Buckner	264-18-4		
Cumberland	Joseph Calland	78-19-10		
Essex	William Smith	241-11-3 ¹ / ₂		
Fairfax	Martin Cochburn?	321-2-5		
Gloucester	Jno Peyton	3732-2-5 ¹ / ₂		
Goochland	Jno Hopkins	332-17-3		
Greensville	William Mason	12-1-11		
Halifax	James Coleman	101-5-3	James Coleman	470-5-8
Hampshire	John Foreman	581-5-3		
Hanover	Gedes Winston	477-8-3	Gedes Winston	94-3-5
Henry	Robert Hairston	1176-8--	Abram Penn	2069-10-7
James City	William Barrett	1-6-11		
Isle of Wight	John Lawrence	925-4-1		
King George	Fran. Conway	288-12-1/2		
Lancaster	James Gordon	127---9		
Louisa	Tho. Johnson	633-16-4 ¹ / ₂		
Lunenburg	Jno Ragsdale	1310-8-7 ¹ / ₂	John Ragsdale	317-18-10
Mecklinburg	Reuben Vaughn	262-4-----		
Middlesex	George Bird	280-1-8		
Northampton	John Williams	208-13-1		
Northumberland	Charles Lee	1007-10-9	Charles Lee	342-16-4 ¹ / ₂
Orange	Rowland Thomas	733-17-7	Rowland Thomas	302-7-10
Pittsylvania	John Owens	947-1-0 ¹ / ₂	John Owens	365-14-2 ¹ / ₂
Powhatan	John Harris	1121-13-2		
Prince George	Robert Gilliam	116-4-7		
Prince William	Richard Graham	692-4-8		
Rockingham	John Thomas	1536-15-1	John Thomas	1102-9-2
Southampton	Elias Herring	473-13-4		
Spottsylvania	Bartlett Stubbley?	1353-4-9		
Stafford	William Gerard	349-5-1		
Surry	Willis Williams	47-10-5		
Sussex	Robt. Jones	398-9-11		
Westmoreland	John Washington	525-9-11	Jno Washington	590-16-3
York	Lawrence Smith	134-16-6 ¹ / ₂		

Dumfries, 2 November 1784

Recommendation for Coroner

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Henry

At a court continued and held for Prince William County the 2nd day of November 1784 William Tebbs and Alexander Brown, gentlemen and recommended to his Excellency the Governor of this state as proper persons to be Coroner for this County.

Teste, Robert Graham

Dumfries, Va. January 22nd 1785

William Grayson Letter

Box #1, Folder 1, Accession # 39700

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Patrick Henry

His Excellency the Governor

Sir,

We have the honor to inform your Excellency and the Council that a judgment was rendered against the Sheriff of this County for about 692 pounds. The last Court, for collection of taxes for the year 1783, which judgment now stands in force against the said Sheriff. We beg leave to state some reasons which induce us to hope you will be pleased to exert the powers placed in you by an Act of the last Session, in his favor.

We can with great truth assure you that the Sheriff has been in no degree to blame, as far we are capable of judging. The extreme scarcity of corn in the county, and the necessity the people were under of applying their money for their immediate relief, has made the collection so difficult, that to our knowledge there have been fifty (dishesser?) at one time without effect as no person would attend to purchase, least in the next instance it might be his fate. Added to this we beg leave to observe, that a protest was entered against the transfer house, at the Quantico Warehouse, which was not repaired till late in November & one of the Inspectors at Dumfries, was sick & the third absent.

Under these circumstances and as this County hath hitherto except in this instance been punctual in the payment of taxes. We hope the judgment interest & damages may be remitted & three months be granted him to make payment.

We have the honor to be with the highest respect

Your Excellency most obedient &

Very humble servant

William Grayson

New York, May 16th 1785

Letter from Lee, Grayson and Monroe

Box 1, Folder 20, Accession #39700, Reel #4918

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Patrick Henry

Sir,

We have the honor to transmit to your Excellency copies of the treaties lately held with the Indian tribes by the commissioners of the United States, at Fort Stanwix and Fort McIntosh, the former concluded on the 22nd of October 1784, and the latter on the 21st of January 1785. We also transmit the copy of an act of Congress directing a treaty to be held with the Southern Indians at such place as the commissioners appointed may think most convenient for the purpose; likewise of an act appointing one to be held in June next at post St. Vincent, for the purpose of extinguishing the claims to soil of the tribes inhabiting the country still further to the westward and northward. By these negotiations your Excellency will perceive it is the earnest desire and uniform object of Congress, to give peace and security to the frontier settlements of the United States and at the same time make more valuable the lands which they offer for sale, for the payment of the publick debt. We have the honor to be with great respect and esteem your Excellency's most obedient and very humble servants.

Richard Henry Lee

William Grayson

James Monroe

Dumfries, Va. August 1785

William Grayson Letter

Box #2, Accession # 39700

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Patrick Henry

To His Excellency the Governor of Virginia and the Honorable Council thereof.

The memorial of Richard Neale & Isaac Wickliff deputy sheriffs of the County of Prince William for the year One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Three, humbly states – That your memorialist during their continuance in office used every diligence & executed all the powers that the law invested them with to make an exact collection & a punctual discharge of the public dues in trusted to their collection & management during that term. But yet so great were the distress of the people just issuing from the troubles of a long & ruinous war oppressed too by the dryness of the season, which had occasioned a shortness of crops – That your memorialist found all their endeavors to affect their purpose ineffectual for such was the distress, that although your memorialist, exercising their authority made distress for the public claims, yet few or none were found of ability to purchase – As great part of the crops of tobacco made were consumed in the purchase of merchandise for family use or of the immediate necessities for the support of life. A proof of which may be seen by a reference to the Parish levy of the year one thousand seven hundred & eighty four made in the Spring of that Year whereby ten thousand weight of tobacco was levied in the county for the support of persons many of whom in common years were fully able to support themselves which distress has continued to so great a degree ever since that corn has seldom been known during that period to be seventy shillings.

Although prevented by such unforeseen accidents yet such have been the executions of your memorialist that they have paid up the principal sum due for this county for the year. But being subject by law to damages for the failure and immediate payment, under the circumstances above set forth your memorialist concede that the justice of their country would exonerate them from penalty which appears to have been intended only as the punishment of negligence & there for humbly pray from your Excellency and the honorable executive council that the damages by law imposed may be remitted & is duty bound they shall ever pray &c.

We the subscribers do certify the above facts to be true from our own knowledge.

T. Blackburn
Henry Washington
Alex. Brown
Daniel Carroll Brent
Cuthbert Bullitt

November 5th 1785

Commissioners Appointed

Box #3, Accession # 39700

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Patrick Henry

A List of Commissioners Appointed by John Browne and John Pierce

Commissioners Names	Counties	Commissioners Names	Counties
Richard Anderson	Louisa	John Pollard	King George
Thomas Anderson	Buckingham	Anthony Rucker	Amherst
John Broadus	Caroline	John Swann	Powhatton
John Buckley	Pittsylvania	Robert Smith	Powhatton
George Burroughs	Stafford	Francis Smith	Chesterfield
James Belches	Prince George	Joseph Fowler	Goochland
John Ballard	Lunenburg	John Toomer	York
Edward Booker	Amelia	Samuel Williamson	Henrico
William Bready	Berkeley	John Wakins	Surry
John Blackwell	Fauquier	Benjamin Wilson	Cumberland
William Chrisham	Chas. City	Michael Wall	Sussex
Thomas Clements	Southampton	Benjamin Winslow	Orange
Marslen Clay	Halifax	Richard Yarbrough	Dinwiddie
William Deloney	Mecklenburg	William Chewning	Middlesex
Burkett Davenport	Culpeper	John Goohee	Accomack

Charles Davenport	Brunswick	Henry Ewen	Rockingham
Richard Easten	Frederick	Richard C. Graves	New Kent
Joseph Holt	Charlotte	Jesse Heard	Henry
James Hamilton	Greenville	Robert Hill	King & Queen
John Hill	King William	Thomas Hughes	Augusta
William Franklin	James City	Thomas Harrwood	Gloucester
Christopher J----	Bedford	John Hay	Albemarle
James Larorason	Fairfax	John Morton	Prince Edward
James McMillon	Prince William	John More	Albemarle
Thom Napier	Fluvanna	Samuel Porter	Shenandoah
Nicholas Payne	Spotsylvania		

Exclusive of County Commissioners Mr. Brown & myself was under the necessity of employing other assistants, expenses, & issuing commissioners to many of whom we could only give certificates also there are several commissioners who were employed to perform extra services for which assurances was given of a certain reward over & above the usual allowance.

Jno Pierce
5 November 1785

Richmond Va. June 8th 1786
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Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Patrick Henry

List of Prisoners for Trial in June Court 1786

Jesse Lewelling	Amelia	forgery	January 2 nd 1786
James Goss	Bedford	horse stealing	January 20 th 1786
John Campbell	Isle of Wight	felony	January 25 th 1786
Thomas Smith	Isle of Wight	felony	January 25 th 1786
Richard Sampson	Prince William	murder	February 12 th 1786
William May	Fairfax (broke jail)	burglary	February 14 th 1786
Willis Watkins	Charlotte	deceit	March 11 th 1786
Preson Richards	Henrico (broke jail)	burglary	April 7 th 1786
Rowland Gibson	Hardy	horse stealing	May 1 st 1786
Zachariah Shackelford	Gloster. (broke jail)	felony	May 14 th 1786
Thomas McCauley	Albemarle	rape	May 20 th 1786
Olive Branch	Campbell	murder	May 26 th 1786
Samuel Branch	Campbell	murder	May 26 th 1786
Anderson Branch	Campbell	murder	May 26 th 1786
Pleasant Branch	Campbell	2 facts – grand larceny & for being an accessory before the fact in the aforesaid murder	

William Keeve - Lunatic
 John Rumbly – 1 year in prison & fine of 100 pounds
 11 prisoners condemned to labor
 11 County & City prisoners

William Rose
 Keeper of Public Jail
 June 9th 1786

Richmond Va. June 8th 1786

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Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Patrick Henry

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Anderson Branch	Campbell	murder	May 26 th 1786
Pleasant Branch	Campbell	accessory	May 26 th 1786
Jesse Lewelling	Amelia	forgery	January 2 nd 1786

Richmond Va. October 2nd 1786

Box #4, Folder 1, Accession # 39700

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Patrick Henry

In obedience to your orders I have sent you a list of all the Prisoners confined in the Public Jail of this Commonwealth.

Thomas Keeve – a lunatic – received the 22nd March 1785

John Bumbley – one year's imprisonment & a fine of 100 pounds

John Campbell – tried & found guilty in June court for receiving stolen goods
and sentence postponed until this Court

Thomas Farr – In custody for debt adj of the Commonwealth

Joseph Clarke – In custody for debt adj of the Commonwealth

11 runaways

The following are prisoners for trial this Court Viz:

William May – Fairfax County for a robbery

Preson Richards – Henrico County for burglary

Zachariah Shackelford – Gloster County for felony

Olive Branch, Saml. Branch, Anderson Branch, Pleasant Branch – Campbell County – Murder

John McDonald – Albemarle County for horse stealing

Hugh Taylor – Fairfax County for robbery

Marjaret Burk – Fairfax County for robbery

Zachariah Goff – Prince Edward County for horse stealing

Nathaniel Forrester – Botetourt County for horse stealing

Christopher Lerchorn – Norfolk – horse stealing

William Moss – Prince William County for robbing on highway

Mary Pointer – Mechlenburg County murder of her baby

John Barnett – Franklin County for horse stealing

Patrick Garrett – Henrico County for robbery & burglary

William Johnson – Henrico County for robbery and burglary

George Ramsay – Franklin County for concealing thieves

Leroy Smith alias Shackhorse – Frederick County for robbery

James Tewell alias Jewell – Fairfax County for burglary
William Howard – Hanover County for felony
Elisha Lassetor – Nansemond County for murder
Jeremiah Anthony (mulatto) – Nansemond County for murder
Isaac Read (mulatto) – Nansemond County for murder
Edward Watkins – Hampshire County for horse stealing

I am Sir your most obedient servant
William Rose keeper of Jail

Richmond Va. September 19th 1786

Slave - Jonathan

Box #3, Folder 21, Accession # 39700, Reel #4920

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Patrick Henry

To His Excellency Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia, Richmond

Sir,

Enclosed your Excellency will receive a certificate from one of the Justices of the County in which my Slave Jonathan has been condemned for felony. You'll observe that he has been condemned as the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Bumly whom I have married. The certificate has been taken in consequence of a letter which I had the Honor to receive from your Excellency on this Subject, & as it gives the unfortunate Slave as good a character as persons in his sphere can generally obtain. I hope it will be considered as a sufficient ground for the interposition of your mercy. I beg leave to add further that he is a youth of only seventeen years of age who has been induced by another Rogue to help him in Breaking open a house in said County of Prince William the circumstance of his age is not mentioned in the enclosed certificate because it was not known to those persons on whose affidavits the certificate is founded. Your Excellency will be pleased to accept of my sincere thanks for the favor done me in printing out the mode to be pursued to obtain a pardon for this unfortunate fellow if he should be considered as an object of clemency, your Excellency will be pleased to deliver his pardon to the Gentleman who will hand you this letter. I dare to be importunate once more in begging the favor of you to instruct me further if the case should need it; for being a perfect stranger to the laws I am perfectly ignorant how to proceed.

I flattered myself that I should have had the Honour to wait on your Excellency personally, but when I got in this Town I was taken very sick, and am yet absolutely incapable of ridding on horseback; I shall wait for the Honor of your answer, and am with the Greatest Respect.

Your Excellency's most humble & obedient humble servant

J. E. (Borniche?)

Richmond Va. September 19th 1786

Slave - Jonathan

Box #3, Folder 21, Accession # 39700, Reel #4920

Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Patrick Henry

Prince William County to Wit:

Notice from His Excellency Patrick Henry Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia suspending the Execution of a certain Negro Slave named Jonathan now confined under sentence of Death in the Jail of this County, and committed as the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Burlugh, Hanover County until the twenty ninth day of this present month. The said notice having been delivered to me the subscriber one of the Magistrates for Prince William County, by a certain John Smith and a certain John Jarvis who both declare on their oath that they are both inhabitants of the aforesaid County of Hannover and have levied for a number of years as neighbors to the said Elizabeth Burley during all of which time they have been acquainted with and knows the said Negro Slave Jonathan the property of the said Elizabeth Burlugh. That they never heard of any bad actions to his charge except him sometimes running away from his mistress for a few days but that otherwise he always been as good a character as any other Negro in the neighborhood where they live. But that he the said Jonathan hath been absent from the employ of the said Elizabeth Burlugh ever since the month of April or May last and further they say not.

Alex Lithgow