

pray for a speedy decision: and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed by

Standly Cooke his Wm X frazer mark James Thomas Thomas Mitchell	} John Cooke his Reuben X Mitchell mark Henry Cook his Wm X Childerson mark	} Thomas Cooke Isaac Fardwell Edward Lee Job Willoughby
John Childerston John Killman Edward Thomas Richard Ciarridy	} his John X Lee mark Phillemon X Colvill William Proctor Wm Rubbart	} Young Claudy Charles Wheeler his Gilbert X Norrt mark Richard Phillips
Thomas Killmon Andrew Cooke his John X Marshal mark his John X Soward mark	} Andrew Marshall his James X Dardin mark Thomas Wright	} his John X Thomas mark his Eligea X Marshall mark Charles Soward

Test W<sup>m</sup> Thomas.

[Muse's Certificate.]

Original.

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I hereby certifie that some time last summer a certain Standly Cook with four or five others complain'd to me (as one of their field officers) against Capt. Joseph Byas. They said that being cal'd out on duty with others of Cap<sup>t</sup> Byas's Company that he, Cap<sup>t</sup> Byas purchas'd provisions from some of the neighbours for the use of the Company, but being discharged in a short time, and receiving provisions from several of the Inhabitants, that were kind enough to make no charge against them, they made use of very little of that purchased by Capt. Byas, and that when he was going to pay them their wages, wanted to stop a shilling per day out of each mans pay for the provision he alledg'd he had found them, great part of which Stanly Cook said he cou'd prove Cap<sup>t</sup> Byas put to his own private use. I told them I wou'd speak to Cap<sup>t</sup> Byas, and have the matter settled. Some time after I saw Cap<sup>t</sup> Byas and Stanly Cook together. I acquainted him of the charge made against him, upon which he said if he had done wrong it was for want of knowing better, and that he was ready to settle in any manner that I or any other of the Field officers wou'd advise him to, he said there was some Indian Meal and I think some pork that his wife had delivered out the quantity he could not prove, therefore, wou'd make no account of it, there was likewise some bacon he had purchas'd of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Trippe which he said he had them by him and