

c. s. c. Elk, hee was spoke to by M^r Tilghman for that purpose. I give you a line by each Vessel for fear they may bee one before the other getting down, the one to have 17/6 p^r day, while in the Servis. Each Vesell will carry a Company. The ought to bee well ballasd, as the Soldiers will bee a Top hevy lode: The skipper will hand you this from your
 Humble Serv^t
 Jesse Hollingsworth.

[R. Beall to Council.]

Sir. By Christian Souther, I received a letter from you wherein you inform me that if it is agreeable to and the desire of the boy the Council are willing that his son should be discharged the boy has requested that I should not discharge him as he is not willing to return to his father I hope therefore that should the old man trouble the Council again you will let them know that I am determined not to discharge his son he is a boy every way fit for the purpose I wanted and was enlisted with the consent of his father:

I am sir your H^l Serv^t Rezin Beal.

[Chapman to Council.]

Gentⁿ Finding myself affected by a resolution of your late convention respecting the removal of fire arms out of this Governm^t I beg leave to represent to your Hon^{rs} my situation early last spring on the repeated request of one Jacob Reason, gunsmith in Fredrick Town, who had a comodious shop but in low circumstances therefore unable to carry on the Business to any considerable extent. I undertook to furnish him with tools &c. & workmen rented his shop & Hired him on wages for a year & also agreed to give him half the profits for his further encouragement on this agreement I laid out in Philadelphia & other parts of that state upwards of 500^l in purchasing tools Gun locks, barrels, bayonets & brass mounting, with this prospect I undertook to furnish the Governm^t of Virginia a number of arms rifles & musquets, at stipulated price to be delivered as got ready till June next, the rifles I have complied with without interfering with the aforesaid resolve, by delivering them at Frederick town to Coll^l Weedon & Hugh Stevenson. I have also done a considerable Job of work for your state, repairing old arms, & have now a proper preparation of materials to proceed to fulfil my promises respecting musquets. I therefore now Hbly crave leave of your Hon^{ble} board, to remove those guns as finished over to Virginia to fulfil my engagements with that Government.

I am Gentⁿ y^r very Hble Serv^t

Josias Chapman of
 Loudoun Co^{ty} Virg^a