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## JOHN HARVIE TO GOV. RANDOLPH.

January 30th  
Land Office  
Parchment  
for the Land  
office, &c

The supply of parchment in the Land office nearly exhausted. That ordered from Philadelphia not come to hand, and none to be obtained in Richmond. He is reduced to the alternative of either stopping the Issuing of Grants, or have them made out on paper. To adopt the former course would seriously embarrass the business of his office, in view of the numerous applications for Grants. As the parchment from Philadelphia is to come by water, great delay must ensue. He therefore desires instructions in the premises. His Excellency's Predecessor, Mr. Henry, under like circumstances, did affix his signature to Grants made out upon paper.

January 30th  
Treasury  
office

J. AMBLER REPORTS TO ARCHIBALD BLAIR, ESQ.,  
That there is at this time no Specie in the Contingent Fund.

February 1st  
L. Wood, Jr.,  
gives bond,  
&c

BOND OF LEIGHTON WOOD, J'N'R, SOLICITOR,  
In the penalty of Ten Thousand Pounds Current money of Virginia, and others, viz.: Peter Lyons, John Lyne, John Hatley Norton, George Webb and David Cochran, for the faithful performance of the duties of said office, with P. Southall, J. Pendleton and James Hawes as sureties.

February 2d  
Congress

CHAS. THOMSON, SECRETARY OF CONGRESS, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA,  
Enclosing public documents, and informing him that Arthur St. Clair had been appointed President of Congress by that body, but that Virginia still remained unrepresented.

February 2d  
Greenbriar  
county  
Kanawha  
road

SAM'L BROWN, CO. LIEUT., TO GOV. RANDOLPH.  
He finds it impossible to send a proper return of the militia in that county, because the making of the road to the Kanaway hapen'd at the time we should have had a general Muster. The people daily removing to Kentucky, and the settlements on the Kanaway must certainly break up in March unless the Executive will aford them succour, which will revive the schem of the Road from there to Kaintuckey.

PETITION OF CLIFTON RODES, FROM SHERIFF OF ALBEMARE COUNTY, 1787.  
TO THE EXECUTIVE,

For releif against the Execution of the Judgment of the Gen'l Court for March 5th  
deficiency in the collection of Revenue of the years 1783 and 1784, owing Richmond  
to the great scarcity of money and distresses of the people—solemnly  
avers he was an entire stranger to the acts of speculation, and never,  
directly or indirectly, endeavoured to lessen the public Revenue by the  
purchase of public Securities of any kind. In support of this assertion  
begs leave to report to the Certificates of Sundry Gentlemen, Residents Dealers  
of the City of Richmond, who, it is well known, are principally engaged in public  
in this Business, viz: Saml. Paine, Geo. Pickett, Francis Graves, Wm. securities,  
Hay, Jno. Barret & Co., Irving, Galt & Co. &c

J. H. NORTON TO LEIGHTON WOOD, J'N'R. March 6th

Having learned that under the Law the Solicitor was required to give Winchester  
security in the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the faithful execution of Security  
his office, he is willing to join Mr. Peter Lyons and Mr. David Cochran to be given  
and others in his Bond, with the consent of the Executive.

JOHN EDMUNDSON TO GOV. ED. RANDOLPH, March 8th

In behalf of Ensign Wm. Shephard, who had been inadvertently left out Essex  
of commission by the Co. Court, and Richard Gwathmey put in his place. county  
He had been commissioned Ensign by Patrick Henry, in 1779, before Ensigns and  
second lieutenants were known in the Militia, and was entitled to hold his Lieutenants  
office as long as he behaved himself, and his Company being anxious he  
should be retained, his Excellency and Council, it is hoped, will decide in  
his favour.

MAJOR JOHN REID TO GOV. ED. RANDOLPH, March 8th

Applying for remuneration for his expenditures and services in making  
the journey to the Chickasaw Nation in the spring of 1783, to induce the  
Cheifs to meet the Commissioners appointed by Virginia to treat for