

September 17th, 1775.

We The Subscribers your Petitioners Being deeply affected with the melancholy situation in which our Country now Labors, and Being desirous to use our utmost Efforts in Common with our Fellow sufferers to frustrate the designs of a Corrupt ministry and to Endeavour to Save our selves in a Company of Volunteers and have Chosen to our Officers Benjamin Screven as Captain and Thomas Fotts as First Lieutenant

most Humbly Requesting the Favour of you to obtain for them Commissions, as above mentioned to Command us a Company of Volunteers, which will hold our selves in Readiness to Turn out in our Country's service on the shortest Notice.

Samuel Davison
Samuel Thomson
David Jamison
Thomas Conn
Wm Minie
Vale Rowel
John Walker
George McCutchen
Alexr Thomson
Saml Nesmith, Junr
William Grace
Thomas Miller
John Boyd
Hugh . . . ey
Joseph Alexr Glass
David Perkins
Alexr Daniel
Benjn Handlin
William Scott
Thos Rogers
Rob Baxter.

Wm Thomson
William Swinton
Michael Simmons
John Nesmith, Junr
Thos Roland
Lemuel Wilks
Robert Clyett
John Barnes
John McMahan
John Wells
James Lacey
Samuel Reed
Wm McCottry
Hugh Shai . . Winter
Wm Hamilton
Moses Barns
Robt Ervin
Wm Handlin
Thos Woodd, sined by
Jas Baxter

John Thomson
Joshua . . .
Elisha Screven
Wm McIver
Hardy Wilks
Alexr Swinton
James Jones
Alexr Scott, Junr
Robert Gravly
Francis Rothy
Jno Bell
William Lindsay
John Packer
Griffith Jones
John Dehay, Junr
John Scott
Andrew Patterson
John Peak
Alexr Henry
John Baxter, Junr

Endorsed: Capt Scrivins, Volunteer Company.

Ananias Gany William Mcelveen Hugh Cochran.

Addressed: "To The Honl Council of Safety."

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"The Petition of a number of inhabitants of St Johns Parish
Berkly County
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"That your Petitioners are willing to hazard their lives in defence of the liberties of this Colony, and would gladly have observed the recommendation of of the Congress in learning the use of Arms and being properly prepared for the purpose afore- said. But that they lie under the disadvantage of not having offi- cers who give proper attendance and instruction.