

Captain Peachy's Company, Virginia Regiment
French and Indian War

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From Series 2

Letters, Orders and Instructions October 1755. 249.

16th. To captain William Peachy, at Alexandria.

You are hereby ordered, to send off all the Recruits which are now under your command at Alexandria, immediately to Winchester; if there is a Captains command, you are to order the next eldest captain to march them up; if not, they are to be marched up by Lieutenant Bullet. The Order of the eleventh instant, about sending a Return to Fredericksburgh, by no means to be neglected. — All the Officers who were appointed to Rendezvous at Alexandria the 20th, are allowed a further time, until the 15th of November; — when it is Ordered, that they appear there without delay, with what Recruits they may raise. You are to clothe all the men before you send them off, and must give the Officer who comes with the Recruits, a strict charge of the remainder. — Orders will be left for him with Commisary Jones.

G.W.

Winchester: October 16, 1755.

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Abraham Britton	Dr	Sept 17 th	18 Days a/b	17-0
William Bazer	Dr	Sept	25 Days a/b	12-6
John Ballard	Dr	15 Sept	16 Days a/b	8-0
Reuben Vase	Dr	25 Sept	18 Days a/b	8-0
James Gulridge	Corporal	1 Sept	30 Days a/b	15-0
Thos. Mays	Dr	23 Sept	8 Days a/b	4-0
Thos. Dennis	Dr	11 Sept	20 Days a/b	10-0
Pastor Sundry	Dr	23 Sept	8 Days a/b	4-0
Rick. Gay	Dr	16 Sept	15 Days a/b	7-6
Aquilla Byrna	Dr	6 Sept	25 Days a/b	12-6
James Smith	Dr	6 Sept	25 Days a/b	12-6
Jacob Lewis	Dr	9 Sept	22 Days a/b	11-0
John Boughtin	Dr	8 Sept	25 Days a/b	12-6
William Robinson	Dr	8 Sept	25 Days a/b	12-6
▶ E. Phoskim	Udas	Dr 9 Sept	22 Days a/b	11-0
Griffan Peart	Dr	14 Sept	20 Days a/b	10-0
Thos. Chainey	Dr	10 Sept	18 Days a/b	9-0
Peter Stewart	Dr	24 Sept	10 Days a/b	5-0
Charles Donaway	Dr	25 Sept	6 Days a/b	3-0
Thos. Bowls	Dr	25 Sept	6 Days a/b	3-0
John Smedly	Dr	9 Sept	22 Days a/b	11-0
Rick. Miller	Dr	1 Oct	22 Days a/b	11-0
Garrard Sanday	Dr	9 Sept	22 Days a/b	11-0
Wm Sanday	Dr	Oct 1	22 Days a/b	11-0
Robt. Wright	Dr	9 Sept	17 Days a/b	8-6
Abdow Amous	Dr	14 Sept	22 Days a/b	11-0
John Coan	Dr	9 Sept	22 Days a/b	11-0

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Image 380: William Peachy, October 16, 1755, Company Payroll Receipt

Daniel Williams - Sergeant
Joseph Burr
John Hendren
Francis Kathaway
Tho^s Dues
Tho^s Wildgoose
Tho^s Gardiner
Nathaniel Hushey

Eight
Those Men were brought up from Richmond County
to Fredericksburgh agreeable to the Governours command
They were Delivered to Maj^r Henry Gains by
Moore Fauntleroy Jr

May 23. 1756

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Image 189: Moore Fauntleroy Jr., May 23, 1756, List of Militia Recruits
(from Richmond County)

July 12. 1756



Then Paid of Ensign 1st M^o. Dringfield our full
Substance for the months of May & June

William Sharpeygn		£ 0. 8
Wm. Bybrooke	Surf.	3. 0. 8
John Gashens		2. 5. 5
James Gutley	Comp ^{ts}	2. 5. 5
Richard Gale		2. 5. 5
Thomas Watson	D ^u ant	2. 0. 4
Aqualler & Burn		1. 10. 2
Thos. & Smith	his mark	1. 10. 2
Timothy Tomaway	his mark	1. 10. 2
Wm. Newell		1. 10. 2
Christopher Redmayne		1. 10. 2
Thos. & Sparks	his mark	1. 10. 2
Jacob & Cotton	his mark	1. 10. 2
John & Jones	his mark	1. 10. 2
John Robertson		1. 10. 2
Wm. & Robinson		1. 10. 2
Jacob & Lewis	his mark	1. 10. 2
Alex. & Anderson	his mark	1. 10. 2
Patrick Fenderly		1. 10. 2
Jacob & Drake	his mark	1. 10. 2
James & Pigeon	his mark	1. 10. 2
Thomas & Adams	his mark	1. 10. 2

Image 312: William Peachy, July 12, 1756, Company Payroll Receipts, May & June, page 1

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Wm ^{ly} Jefferson	-----	1-10-2
Abraham Crittenden	-----	1-10-2
Thomas Bowls	-----	1-9-2
Isaac Hlar	-----	0-15-1
Charles Donaway	-----	0-16-10
Thomas Jones	-----	1-6-8
Aug ^r Ramsey Deceased	-----	0-5-0

Wm Peachy
 Comd^t of the Company
 1756

Image 313: William Peachy, July 12, 1756, Company Payroll Receipts, May & June, page 2

This list was published by Clark, Colonial Soldiers of the South, 1732-1774, page 381.

A Roll of Cap^t William Peachy's Company July 13: 1756

No	Men's Names	when enlisted	where enlisted	Age	Size	Trade	Country	Descriptions
1	Newben Vals	Sept ^r 16	Essex County	24	5 9/2	Solier	Virginia	ruddy Comp ^s w th black curl'd Hair
2	Will ^m Baker	} Sep ^r 20	Richmond	22	5 7	Plaster	D ^c	a full face and light Hair
3	Bibley Brooks		D ^c	D ^c	a swarthy Comp ^s w th black Hair			
4	John Gashins		Oct ^r 16	D ^c	20	5 7	D ^c	D ^c
5	Nich ^s Sale	} Sep ^r 17	Essex County	20	5 6	Solier	England	a dark Comp ^s & thin faced
6	James Guttridge		Northampton ^s	29	5 8 1/2	Plaster	D ^c	light Hair
7	Thomas West	Sept ^r 23	Essex County	22	5 8 1/2	D ^c	D ^c	very light curl'd Hair
8	Jacob Brown	Nov ^r 13	D ^c	21	5 7	D ^c	Virginia	Brown hair and a dark Comp ^s
9	Patrick Scully	Sept ^r 23	D ^c	26	5 3	Taylor	Ireland	light Hair with one eye
10	Thomas Smith	Sept ^r 25	D ^c	23	5 8 1/2	Plaster	Virginia	fair Comp ^s
11	Edward Thomson	Oct ^r 8	D ^c	23	5 5	Solier	England	Brown hair with a Roman nose
12	John Robinson	Oct ^r 9	D ^c	30	5 4 1/2	D ^c	D ^c	Black Hair
13	William Marshall	Nov ^r 29	D ^c	27	5 7 1/2	Barber	D ^c	Black Hair & of a dark Comp ^s
14	John Jones	Decem ^r 11	D ^c	31	5 8 1/2	Plaster	Virginia	light curl'd Hair with a Scar in his left cheek
15	Aquila Barr	Sept ^r 9	Richmond ^s	18	5 7	D ^c	Virginia	a small Man with brown Hair
16	Timothy Conway	Feb ^r 16	Baltimore ^s	25	5 3	D ^c	England	Light Hair
17	Wm ^m Smeal	April 10	Winchester	22	4 1	D ^c	Virginia	A long faced Man
18	Christ ^s Redman	Feb ^r 21	Baltimore Co ^s	26	5 10	D ^c	England	light hair with a hump back
19	Henry Jefferson	Feb ^r 16	D ^c	20	5 3	D ^c	England	Brown Hair and thin faced
20	John Swarts	Feb ^r 10	D ^c	20	5 3	D ^c	England	light Hair
21	Severiah Collins	Feb ^r 14	Winchester	25	5 3	D ^c	England	light Hair
22	John Leland							
23	W ^m Robinson	Sept ^r 10	Northampton ^s	22	5 9	D ^c	Virginia	light Hair
24	John Coffin							
25	Luc ^s Magensick							
26	W ^m Dodson							
27	John Callahan							
28	James Ryan	Sept ^r 15	Spotsylvania	30	5 3 1/2		Ireland	Light Hair, a short thick Man
29	Alexander Anderson	Feb ^r 28	Baltimore	26	5 4	Taylor	D ^c	Brown Hair with a very hollow face
30	James Lewis	Sept ^r 9	Northampton ^s	28	5 7	D ^c	Virginia	Black Hair and a very small face
31	Augustin Passey	Drift July 11	Richem ^s	28	5 11	D ^c	D ^c	Light Hair curled
32	Francis Pathway	2 ^d July 11	Richmond ^s	19	5 5	D ^c	D ^c	Light Hair
33	Thomas Cox	2 ^d July 11	D ^c	19	5 11	D ^c	D ^c	Light Hair with a freckled face
34	John Bygones	2 ^d July 11	D ^c	19	5 10	D ^c	D ^c	Black Hair with a small face
35	James Bins	2 ^d July 11	D ^c	20	5 9	D ^c	D ^c	Black Hair and full faced
36	Joseph Burns	2 ^d July 11	D ^c	21	5 7	D ^c	D ^c	Light Hair
37	John Williams	2 ^d July 11	Newhent ^s	19	5 6	D ^c	D ^c	Brown Hair very full faced
38	William Lowry	June 12	Richm ^s County	27	5 2	D ^c	D ^c	Light Hair a short full faced Man
39	Joseph Sawyer	June 16	Winchester	19	5 5	D ^c	D ^c	Brown Hair with grey eyes
40	Samuel D. Dull	June 18	Essex County	28	5 7	D ^c	D ^c	Brown Hair curled

Image 347: William Peachy, July 13, 1756, Company Muster Roll

Robert Dinwiddie to George Washington, August 14, 1755, two same date;
Instructions

*Instructions for Colonel George Washington
Commander in Chief of the Virginia Regiment.*

Whereas the French have unjustly invaded His Majesty's Lands on the Ohio, and have sent flying Parties of French and Indians, to robb, and murder our back Settlers to the Westward; which the Legislature of this Dominion having seriously taken into their Consideration, and voted Money for the Protection of our Frontiers, and for conducting the necessary Expedition to drive the French from the Ohio: In Consequence thereof, I have granted Commissions for raising Sixteen Companies of Men, to be formed into a Regiment -- The Command of which Regiment, together with the Forces that now are, or may be employ'd in the Country Service, being given to You; You are as soon as possible to use Your utmost Endeavours to compleat the said Regiment, by sending the Officers to recruit in the different Counties of this Dominion, as You shall see most Convenient, leaving six Officers to do Duty with the Men who remain at Fort Cumberland.

As it will facilitate the Recruiting Service to have the Regiment seperated You are to divide them in three Places viz. at Winchester, Alexandria, and Fredericksburg; at each of which Places a Field Officer is to reside, to receive such Recruits as are fit for the Service which shall be sent by the Officer in his Division: As Winchester is the highest Place of rendezvous to the Country which is exposed to the Enemy, You are hereby required to make that Your head Quarters.

The Clothing of the Regiment is to be provided by the County, & to be sent to You, in order to be delivered to the Effective Men of each Company.

The Men to be regularly paid their full Subsistance without any Deductions; excepting two Pence per Month from each Non-Commissioned Officer and Private Man, for the Surgeon to purchase Medicines; this Money to be stoped by the Pay-Master, and to be paid to the Surgeon Quarterly; As also Six Pence per. Month from the Drummers, to be paid to the Drum. Major. to repair the Drums, and teach the Drummers.--You are hereby required to preserve good Order and Discipline among the Officers and Private Men of the Regiment under Your Command and to Conform Yourself in every Respect to the Rules and Articles of War. --

You are to transmit to me Weekly Returns of the Regiment and a Return the first Day of every Month, with the Variations that may have happened the preceding Month. When any of the Non-Commissioned Officers or Private Men should happen to die, they are to be **continued on the Returns and Rolls as Effective Men for Twenty eight Days, to pay for his Coffin**, that the Commander of the Company may be no loser by his Death.

It is strictly recommended to You that You take particular Care, that no Officer Commanding a Company shall supply their men with Necessaries, deducting the Price out of the Men's Pay; they are only to take Care to see the Men lay out their Money in purchasing what they may stand in need of, And in order that the Men may not suffer for want of those Necessaries; You are hereby empowered to contract with

any Person or Persons, to supply the Camp with such necessary Cloathing &ca. as is requisite.

You are also impowered to purchase suitable Goods for the Indians; and to offer them Presents in such Manner, and at such Times as You shall think adviseable, either for attaining their Interest, or promoting the Service.

You will be entrusted with a Military-Chest which You are to use as You see the Nature and Good of the Service requires.

As it will be necessary, in order to facilitate any Measures that may be taken next Spring to lay in Stores of Provisions &ca. &ca. at Fort Cumberland, or some other convenient Place; and to make all the necessary Advances that the Season, and other Conveniencies will admit; You are hereby Ordered to take such Steps to do it, as Your own Prudence, or my further Orders shall direct.

As an Aid de Camp, and Secretary are necessary to ease the Duty of your Command; I do hereby invest You with full Power and Authority to appoint and Commission such Person and Persons as You shall think most advis'able--And as Mr. Dick has declared his Intention of declining any further Services as Commissary; I also empower You to appoint a Commissary in his room, together with an Adjutant, Quarter-Master, and such other inferior Officers as You shall find absolutely necessary to carry on the Service with Spirit and Vigour.

And as the Conduct and Success of the whole must entirely depend upon the good Regulation and Discipline of the Forces, which cannot be attained but by a due and proper Exertion of the Military Law.

You are therefore, in every Respect, to conform Yourself to the Rules and Articles of War herewith given You, for which I will see You justified in the just and due Conformance thereto.

I sincerely desire that You will inculcate Morality and Virtue among Your Men, to punish Drunkenness and Swearing--Wishing You Health & recommending You to the Protection of God, I am

... Sir
... Your Friend and
... humble Servant
... ROBT DINWIDDIE.

12 pence per shilling
20 shillings per pound

September 1755
0-15-0 was maximum, for 30 days
 $12 \times 15 = 180$ pence
 $180 / 30 = 6$ pence per day

May & June 1756

1-10-2 was maximum for rank and file

$12 \times (20 + 10) + 2 = 362$ or 366 adding back 2 pence per month for medicine

$366 / 6 = 61$ days

Ephraim Elder

0-15-4

$12 \times 15 + 4 = 184$ or 186 adding back 2 pence for medicine

$186 / 6 = 31$ days at 6 pence per day

Includes 28 days after death for burial expense (Dinwiddie)

Died 3 May 1756?

Home was Richmond County:

Capt. William Peachey – born 14 Apr 1729 in North Farnham Parish, Richmond County, Virginia and married (1) **Million Glasscock** there [King, North Farnham Parish Register]

Lt. John Williams

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Sgt. William Baker - appeared on payroll for Sep 1755 with Ephraim

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