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COMPANY OFFICERS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND VIRGINIA REGIMENTS IN 1776

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A List of Officers in the first and second Battalions of Virginia Forces, while on Provincial Establishment, with the Date of their Commissions.

Captains	first Lieutenants	second Lieutenants	Ensigns	Date of Provincial Commissions
{ John Green	Richard Taylor	John Eustice	John Lee	September 6 th 1775
{ John Markham	William Cuninghame	Joseph Scott	Tarlton Woodson	September 16
{ John Seayres	Goodrich Crump	Matthew Smith	Nathaniel Burwell	September 18
1 st { William Davies	Willis Wilson	Francis Boyakin	Jonathan Godwin	September 30
{ John Fleming	William Lewis	John Pettus	David Anderson	October 2
{ Robert Ballard	Edward Garland	John Clayton	Claiborne Lawson	October 7 th
{ William Campbell	Daniel Trigg	Alexander Cuming	George Lambert	December 15 th
{ George Gibson				
{ George Johnston	Thomas Tibbs	William Samford	Peyton Harrison	September 21
{ Richard Parker jun'r	Catesby Jones	John Monroe	Alexander Parker	September 28
{ William Taliaferro	John Willis	Seymore Hooe	Benjamin Holmes	September 29
2 ^d { George Nicholas	Beverly Dickson	Thomas Russell	Merrit Moore	October 3 ^d
{ William Fontaine	John Marks	Thomas Hughes	William Robinson	October 21
{ Richard Kidder Meade	Edward Travis	Bullar Claiborne	John Nicholas	October 24 th
{ Morgan Alexander	George Jump	Marquis Calmes	John Holder	November 27 th

Five Companies were added by Convention to complete these Battalions, the Officers to which being appointed since the Battalions were taken into Continental pay, received Continental Commissions only.

					Date of their Continental Commissions
1 st {	Thomas Nelson jun'r	John Moss	Thomas Archer	Callowill Minnis	February 22 ^d 1776
{	Edmund B Dickinson	Charles Pelham	John Quarles	Thomas Herbert	February 25
{	Samuel Hawes junior	Thomas Jones	James Upshaw	Thomas Catlett	February 19
2 ^d {	Everard Meade	Wood Jones	John Ogleby	John Worsham	March 8
{	Francis Taylor	William Taylor	Benjamin Porton jun'r	Francis Cowherd	March 8

NOTES:

According to E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra (*A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787* (Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 2007), the 1st and 2nd infantry battalions (regiments) were raised for state (provincial) defense by order of the Third Virginia Convention at Richmond on 17 July 1775. The officers in the first 15 companies of the two regiments are listed in the first table. On 13 February 1776 the two regiments were brought under Continental Establishment in order to help satisfy Virginia's quota of six battalions for the Continental Army. Officers added to the two regiments afterwards received commissions from Congress and are listed in the second table. Additional details may be found in pension and bounty-land applications.

Alternative spellings are as follows:

Francis Boyakin = Francis Boykin

Alexander Cuming = Alexander Cummins

William Cuningham = William Cunningham

John Eustice = John Eustace

Benjamin Holmes = Benjamin Hoomes

Callowill Minnis = Callohill Minnis

William Samford = William Sanford

John Seayres = John Sayres

Thomas Tibbs = Thomas Tebbs

Tarlton Woodson = Tarleton Woodson

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