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GOV. THOMAS JEFFERSON'S RECORD OF VIRGINIA MILITIA REQUISITIONS 1780-81
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The Library of Congress lists this document as dating from 1781. Since it includes a call-up for February 1781 but does not list the call-ups made in April, it probably dates more exactly to late February, March or perhaps early April 1781. It appears to be a working document that Governor Thomas Jefferson used to keep track of call-ups in order to ensure the burden of militia service was fairly shared among the different counties. However, this is just a surmise; I have found no other information relating to this document. It appears to be in Thomas Jefferson's handwriting.

The first column lists counties or other locations. To facilitate online searching the full names of abbreviated place names are listed at the end. In the original document a check mark appears to the left of each place except for Illinois. The second column indicates the strength of the militia for each place. A note at the end reads “*new returns,” apparently indicating that the numbers marked with asterisks were updated in 1780 or 1781. The third column shows the number actually raised from each county. In the remaining columns the fractions ($\frac{1}{10}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, and $\frac{1}{2}$) indicate the proportion required as a quota from each place.

The campaigns are as follows:

Carola. June 1780: Relief of Chareston SC under Gen. Horatio Gates, commander of the Southern Department. The campaign included the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780.

Carola. Nov. 1780: Replacements for troops lost at the Battle of Camden; sent to North Carolina to join the Southern Department under Gates's replacement, Gen. Nathanael Greene.

Invasion Oct. 1780: To counter Gen. Alexander Leslie's raids in Virginia.

Invasion Jan. 1781: To counter Gen. Benedict Arnold's raids up James River.

Cherokees Jan. 1781: Probably ordered to defend the Virginia frontier against Indians.

Ohio Mar. 1781: Gen. George Rogers Clark's expedition to Falls of Ohio (now Louisville KY).

Relief Virga Feb 1781: Probably in anticipation of Cornwallis pursuing Greene's army into Virginia.

Carola. Feb. 1781: To reinforce Greene in North Carolina. Includes Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781.

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Complete county and other place names: Buckingham, Charles City, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Elizabeth City, Fauquier, Gloucester, Goochland, Greenbrier, Halifax, Isle of Wight, King George, King and Queen, King William, Loudoun, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Monongalia, Nansemond, New Kent, Norfolk, Northampton, Northumberland, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Prince George, Princess Anne, Prince William, Richmond County, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Southampton, Spotsylvania, Westmoreland, Williamsburg.]

K. & Q.	500			$\frac{1}{4}$				
K. Wm.	*436			$\frac{1}{4}$				
Lancaster	*273							
Lincoln						$\frac{1}{2}$		
Loudon	*1746		$\frac{1}{10}$				$\frac{1}{4}$	
Louisa	*603	57		$\frac{1}{4}$				
Lunbg	*677	53			$\frac{1}{4}$			
Mecklbg	975	83			$\frac{1}{4}$			
Middlex	210							
Monongal.	1000					$\frac{1}{4}$		
Montgomery	750					$\frac{1}{4}$		$\frac{1}{4}$
Nansemd.	644							
N. Kent	418			$\frac{1}{4}$				
Norf.	880							
Northampt.	430							
Northumbld.	*630							
Ohio						$\frac{1}{4}$		
Orange	600	49		$\frac{1}{4}$				
Pittsylva	709	52						$\frac{1}{4}$
Powhatan	350	47		$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$			
Pr. Edwd.	*461	56			$\frac{1}{4}$			
Pr. Geo.	500							
Pr. Anne	594							
Pr. Wm.	*742		$\frac{1}{10}$				$\frac{1}{4}$	
Richmd.	573							
Rockbr.	625		$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$			
Rockingh.	*875		$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$			
Shenand.	925		$\frac{1}{10}$		$\frac{1}{4}$			
Southampt.	*874			$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$			
Spotlva	*480	83		$\frac{1}{4}$				
Stafford	500							
Surry	*380							
Sussex	700			$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$			
Warwick	100							
Washington	829					$\frac{1}{4}$		$\frac{1}{4}$
Westmld.	*544							
York	[illeg]							
Wmsbg.	729							
Numbers[?]								

*new returns