King Wm May 18th 1782

Dr. Colo. [Colonel William Davis at Richmond Town]

Corporal Lawrence brought to me Thos Allen this morning by Instructions received from Capt. Kirkpatrick supposing him to be a Deserter from the Continental Army. I am loth [loath] to intermediate in a case of this kind but finding he has a proper Discharge & other papers that puts the case in a fare [fair] light I have taken the liberty of recommending the corporal to you with a Copy of his Discharges &c for your Determination at the same time have undertaken for the Corporal in case the papers he has do not clear him I will undertake to Deliver Mr. Allen whenever called upon as I know you will & having Discharge[d] his Duty as Soldier to the [indecipherable word]1 with Credit I have taken the liberty to refer the Case to you for your Determination & am

Sir with great respect
Your Obedient Humble Servant
S/ James Quarles2

May 18, 1782
From Major James Quarles respecting Thomas Allen & in closing his papers

I do hereby certify that Thomas Allen from King William [County] is entitled to his discharge the last day of the present Year May 5th, 1781.

A Copy Test

S/ William Davis Colo.

James Quarles

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1 [indecipherable word]
2 James Quarles R17254
Thomas Allen a Soldier in the Virginia line having served the Term he engaged for is hereby Discharged from the service
Witness Herbert Claiborn
A Copy, Test
James Quarles

Thos. Payne Capt. [Thomas Payne]
5th Virgs. Regt.
Novr. 14th 1781