

**Quantico near Dumfries Va., May 20<sup>th</sup> 1840**  
**Box 1, Folder 6, Accession #43419**  
**Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Thomas W. Gilmer**

Sir,

I have the honor to state that in order to comply with a requisition made on me. I was compelled to resign my commission of Magistrates of Prince William County on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. of which I did. I have given due notice to the court thereof.

I am very respectful  
Your obedient servant  
Wm. G. Colquhoun

**Dumfries, July 14<sup>th</sup> 1840**  
**Box 1, Folder 9, Accession #43419**  
**Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Thomas W. Gilmer**  
**Letter Rejected – 16 July 1840**

Sir,

As a Captain in the Virginia Militia & the Company I command is without any kind of arms for protection. I would ask you if thair is not old muskets which is no use to the state that mite be giving to me for distribution, to my men. I ask then for thair is a grate uneasiness in our County about the negroes as is in other counties. I have from 80 to 100 men in my company & if at any time I should be order out for the defence of the county- how would we appear before a gang of Negroes – or other persons. I ask & make this request for 100 muskets & if I can get them I want them \_\_\_\_\_

I am your humble servant  
Geo. N. Cockrell

**Richmond, September 1<sup>st</sup> 1840**  
**Box 3, Folder 1, Accession #43419**  
**Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Thomas W. Gilmer**

The Negroes now confined in the Penitentiary for transportation. I have seen and value them as follows, taking into consideration everything (by which I mean the disadvantage any person who purchases them will have to labour under in selling them) there are 14 men 18 to 30 years old stout & likely though some are badly learned from whipping. These I value at five hundred and fifty dollars each. There are two men 19 & 24 years old, almost valueless on account of one of them having a very large men or swelling on the neck & the other is afflicted with a fistulous, they are on that account of very little value as they would not be sold, but at very low prices. There is one negro man 43 to 45 years old from Mecklenburg County said to be at times somewhat deranged, therefore I think he will be of very little value to the man who may purchase, as disclosing might be made by him. There is one man 35 years old said to be a Blacksmith, he is whipped in a horrid manner which is a great eyesore and renders him less unsalable. I value him at Eight Hundred Dollars. There is one man by the name of Jarret 25 years old, sick with bilious fever, he is worth five hundred dollars (if well.) There are four Negro men between 40 and 50 years old. These I value at three hundred and seventy five dollars each. There are two Negro Girls I value at four hundred and fifty dollars cash and two that I value at four hundred dollars each and there are two old women 38 to 40 years old, one of them having one of her feet nearly burned off. I value them at two hundred and fifty dollars (together) as I have observed above taking all things into consideration the valuation which I have given. I consider a fair one. The Negro man with a wen or swelling on the neck and the fellow having a fistulous would not sell for more than two hundred and fifty dollars each provided they are bought to market and sold at auction & the Negro man from Mecklenburg County said to be deranged would not sell for more than four hundred dollars if there was no doubt of his being of sound mind.

Respectfully your Obt. Serv.  
R. H. Dickinson, Auctioneer of  
Late firm of Templeman & Dickinson