

Hanover April 17th 1861.

To his Excellency Gov. Letcher, D. Sir,

My voice has been for peace, being a warm & strong Union man; But President Lincoln has left us no alternative, but submission or war: Virginia's rights, interest, honour & patriotism, all declare peremptorily for war.

Having been twice a volunteer in the war, of 1812. I now, Sir, tender you my services, as a volunteer, to place me either in the ranks, or any other post, you may think proper to assign me.

I am bordering on three score & ten, but I feel willing & able, to discharge any duty to my Country. I hope my example will be followed, by both old & young.

With great respect
I remain yr O^b Serv^t
Fra^s G. Taylor.

To Gov. John Letcher.