

Thomas Ringgold without a Fee for M<sup>r</sup> John Chapple told me that he would be obliged to pay all the Costs that they should be at on that Affair, beside, they say that if the Steelponeans should break the Way the rest would be obliged to follow, for that gives the Thing up they will count you more than Madmen if you should go you may depend upon it that not half will come back, but will perish with the Cold, and as for raising of Mony it is out of the Question neither is it in the Governor's power to accept it, for I have it from good Authority, for even the Press Master himself is liable to Damage from every Man that he takes from, for I had it from his own Mouth and he from a Lawyer from your Friend.

Lib. J. R.  
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W<sup>m</sup> Coburn.

To M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Chandler living in Steelpone: This

The above is a true Copy of a Letter lately in the Hands of the Clerk of the Company of Militia, under the Command of.

Peregrine Brown Jan: 18: 1758:

Sir

According to your Excellency's Directions I gave Captain Peregrine Brown his Orders with the necessary Warrants for pressing Carriages and provisions the 26: of Dec<sup>r</sup> I went immediately after to Wye, upon his Return from Annapolis he told me he had brought as far as Dockery's a Packet from your Excellency for me but that by Mistake he had sent it to Col: Tilghman, instead of one directed for him, if he had any such packet I cant conceive what is become of it as it is not yet come to my Hands. I then advised immediately to call his Men together, and either proceed to the Fort immediately or make Returns of those Men that refused to go. he met them the 16: Instant when he informs me, every Man refused to march. I this Day in the most pressing Manner called upon him to tell me positively whether he would return Certificates or not but can't get any answer. p. 221

The Doctrine here is that the Law put in Execution will absolutely ruin the Country that there is no Penalty on the Captain if he refuses to return Certificates, that the Men by that Means escape Punishment Captain Brown has lately embarqued in the popular Way and has I am told received Threats in Case he does any thing that will distress the People suppose this has some Influence on him. Captain Browne shewed me a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Hands to him in which he lets him know your Excellency directs that he shall give him a positive Answer immediately, whether he will march