

Transcription

"Submission or war"

Hanover April 17th 1861.

To his Excellency Govr Letcher.

Dr. 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 Obt. Servt.

FRAS. G. TAYLOR

To Govr. John Letcher.

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