

Christiansburg
April 15th 1861.

Hon. Sir:

Our Community, has been thrown into the most intense excitement by the news here, that Lincoln has made a requisition upon Va. for Ninety thousand soldiers; to fight our southern brethren.

Virginians can never fight our southern brethren, and whilst we will do all in our power to tender to you our sympathy and to defend you and your family from assaults - Please do not



ask us to join a northern
army to fight our southern
friends, neighbors, fathers
& brothers. It will not
- it shall not be so.

I hold my self in reading
Dear Governor - to march
my men to your support
and to your defense, but
not to support Lincoln
nor to his defense.

When ever you want
me for the purposes above
indicated - or when
you wish my services in
upholding the honor of
our proud old Mother
let me hear from you
and, I think, I must not



When I open my eyes, those
we of the south west
will testify you that
we are worthy to be
numbered among the fallen
sons of old Virginia.
What future in the
end of the foolish course
pursued by Lincoln?
In haste, yours truly
James C. Taylor



Montgomery Co. 75²
James C. Taylor
Tender of Service
Recd 17 April 1861
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