

William Withers to George Washington, January 22, 1756, with Invoice, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM WILLIAM WITHERS, ESQ. ¹

WILLIAMSBURG Janry 22d. 1756

SIR

Mr. Prentis omitting to send Majr. Carlyle the Particulars in each Package ship'd on board the Rawley occasions You the Trouble of this—I am very sorry for Anderson's misbehaviour, he was recommended by Capt. Tate, his Owner, as an honest industrious Man, & well qualified for such a Business; but I find he has given sufficient proof to the contrary, for which I hope he will meet with his Desert —

I am Sir Your most obedt. hble Servant WM WITHERS

¹ William Withers, the private secretary of Governor Dinwiddie, was born in Lancaster, England, in 1731, and came to Virginia in 1745, as the heir of an estate called "Chotauk," in Stafford County, devised by a relative, John Withers, by will dated August 29, 1698. His estate had been sold by Sarah Withers, the daughter of the testator, to Augustine Washington, who had devised it to his son Samuel. The title of Washington being contested by Withers, the rights of the latter were satisfied by the consideration of £600, and the transaction affirmed by Act of Assembly.—HENING. Withers was first employed in Nansemond County as clerk by Anthony Walke. He afterwards found like employment in Williamsburg, and located finally in Dinwiddie County, at a place still known as "Kingston." He married, in 1761, Priscilla Wright, of Nansemond County. Their descendants include the worthy names of Atkinson, Adams, Broaduax, Clay, Draper, Grammar, Hawkins, Lay, Le Vert, Walke, and Wright.