Dear Sir,

The commission of the peace for the county of Alexandria stands there.

George Calvert, 1st Viscount Byron, Francis Peyton, Rich. J. Conway, Cha. Alexander, George Taylor, John Franklin, Abraham T. Eaves, John Houstoun, Alex. Smith, Cathcart Powell, Peter Peirson, Joseph Lord Houghman & Thomas Darnell, as these commissions expire in the end of the present session of Congress, it is become necessary for me to geo.

I have given in their names to the Senate for permanent appointment, but it occurring that some of them may have resigned or refused to qualify in their case, it would be necessary to withdraw their names & submit others before the Senate. I take the liberty of troubling you to satisfy yourself of any of who have resigned or not qualified, and in their case to recommend to me others in their place. If among those who have not qualified there be any whom it would be desirable to continue, perhaps you could know of them whether they will qualify of appointed. But if they are as well out as in, then let us avail ourselves of the opportunity of putting in such good republican characters as you will be so kind as to recommend to me, as I am desirous to send in the new nominations to the Senate by Monday at farthest, I cannot press on your considerations to give me the necessary information by that day. Accept my best wishes & salutations.

Thomas Jefferson

Francis Peyton esq.