

An Act ceding to the United States of America
the Jurisdiction which this State has over the Pea
Patch on certain conditions therein mentioned

Be it enacted by the ^{Senate &} House of Representatives
of the State of Delaware in General Assembly
met That all the right title and claim
which this State has to the jurisdiction and
soil of the Island in the Delaware com-
monly called the Pea Patch be and the same
is hereby ceded to the United States of America
for the purpose of erecting Forts Batteries &
Fortifications for the protection of the
River Delaware and the adjacent Coun-
try upon the Condition nevertheless that
the said Forts Batteries and Fortifications
shall be erected and kept up at the
expense of the United States and also
that

That all process civil and criminal issuing under the
authority of this State may be executed and served
within the place the jurisdiction of which is hereby
ceded as aforesaid in the ^{same} manner as if no such cession
had been made.

The undersigned beg leave respectfully to represent to
his excellency the Governor of the State of Delaware, that
they have been informed of the organization of a Volunteer
Corps of Light Infantry in the Town of Newcastle &
that the persons selected by such Company as Officers
are about applying for Commissions. - That there are
now in and in the immediate neighbourhood of this
Town, three Companies of Militia, viz Two Volunteer
and one regular militia Company, neither of
which have their full complement of Men. - That
the above mentioned Volunteer Association is compo-
sed in part of those who belong to one of the
three other Companies, - That it follows that this
plan of a fourth Company will considerably
weaken if not destroy those already formed. We sub-
mit therefore the expediency of legalizing the
proceeding of the said Corps by granting them Com-
missions -

Newcastle May 25th 1813.

J. A. Piddell

Militia Appointments.
Letter from James Riddle
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