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“**T**wo tobacco planters . . . introduced the . . . ‘Rucker Batteau’ . . . [with] a design so perfect for the job (hauling tons of cargo on rock-strewn, shallow rivers) that it was widely copied, and eventually it was found in use on rivers from Maryland to Georgia.”

— Dan Crawford, pp. 8, 9

“**V**irginia was without a government. . . . All there was in Staunton to represent an operating government was William Fleming. . . . During his brief reign as acting governor, Fleming issued orders calling out militia to support General Lafayette and directing the movement of prisoners from Virginia to Massachusetts and Maryland. ”

— Clare White, p. 34

“**T**he founding of Christiansburg Institute [in 1866] was precedent setting; its establishment predated that of area schools and many institutions of higher education . . . In Montgomery County, [it] predated the creation of any public elementary school, black or white. . . . As a high school, its founding predated by forty years the first public high school in Montgomery County.”

— Anna Fariello, pp. 39-40

“**T**hursday, July 17 Cut up hay and topped hay stacks. Went to German, Yellow Sulphur [Springs Hotel]. Had a good time. Got a kiss I did not expect. . . .” (p. 117)
Friday, September 12 Mamma and I drove to town. Took dinner at Smithfield, called at Whitethorne.¹¹³ It rained on us all the way. I got me a pair of shoes at Alex’s.¹¹⁴ Got a letter from Papa saying they will be home next week.”

— James Armistead Otey, pp. 122-123

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