

Commonwealth



of Virginia,

To *Samuel S. Brooke* Greeting:

Know You, That from special trust and confidence reposed in your fidelity, courage and good conduct, our GOVERNOR, in pursuance of the authority vested in him by the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth, doth commission you a *Second Lieutenant of Light Infantry in the 45<sup>th</sup> - Regiment of the Fifth Brigade and Second Division of the VIRGINIA MILITIA,* to rank as such from the *12<sup>th</sup>* day of *May* — 1861

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name as Governor, and caused the Seal of the Commonwealth to be affixed, this *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* — 1861



*John Letcher*

*Stafford County Court:*

*Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Saml. S. Brooke Jr who qualified according to law to the above Comm. Given under my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1861*

*J. H. Conway*



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# AMNESTY OATH.

Office of Probost Marshal,

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., June 8<sup>th</sup> 1865.

*Saml D. Brooke*

I, *Saml D. Brooke* do solemnly swear, or affirm, in the presence of ALMIGHTY GOD, that I will henceforth faithfully support, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Union of the States thereunder; and that I will in like manner abide by and faithfully support all laws and Proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion with reference to the emancipation of Slaves--So HELP ME GOD.

Sworn and subscribed to, before me,

this *Eight* day of *June* 1865.

*Saml D. Brooke*  
*John P. Starbird*

*Let J.*

Probost Marshal.