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additional fighting ships and increasing naval funding. As the war progressed, all of Virginia's Republicans generally supported additional taxes and expenditures for the war effort.

Virginia's two senators, William Branch Giles and Robert Brent, were Republicans. Both voted for the war, and Brent for the most part supported the administration's prosecution of it.

Senator Giles, however, who later served as governor from 1827 to 1830, backed the war to such an extent that he became a thorn in the side of the Madison administration by strenuously criticizing what he considered its insufficient war preparedness measures.

Although Virginia Federalists opposed the war, they never became as strident as those in the North. In fact, though Congressman James Breckinridge voted against the war, he served honorably as a brigadier general in the Virginia militia in 1814. Federalist generals such as Robert Porterfield and Robert B. Taylor also put aside their misgivings about the war and ably defended the commonwealth when called upon to do so.

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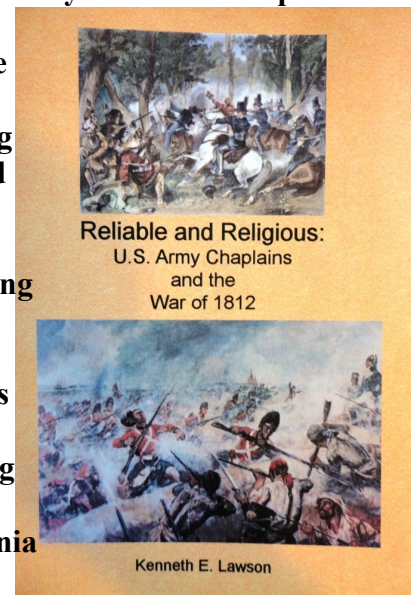
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This first of a kind book on the U.S. Army Chaplains during the War of 1812. It was sent to the editor by Chaplain Colonel Kenneth E, Lawson, an active duty Garrison Chaplain at Fort Hunter

Liggett in CA. He has done a great job of researching in every state and territory in the union in the the war, identifying Regular Army as well as Militia chaplains and has obtained and recorded genealogical information on each. In Virginia he has identified



three chaplains, John A. Bryce who was in Brigadier General Robert Portersfield's 7th Brigade, John Bryce in Brigadier General Joel Leftwich's 12th Brigade, and Robert Taylor in Brigadier General John H. Cocke's 4th Brigade. He also describes in some detail about Rev Joshua Thomas preaching to the British Army on Virginia's Tangier Island and his prediction that they would fail on their planned attack on Baltimore. I highly recommend that members interested in Virginia's involvement in the war procure this book.

This book published this year is for sale at the U.S. Government Printing Office Internet: bookstore.gpo.gov telephone (866) 512-1800