

**9. NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD
1831 SOUTHAMPTON INSURRECTION TOUR**

Attached for your reference please find correspondence from the Virginia Department of Transportation confirming the Commonwealth Transportation Board's decision to award Southampton County \$420,000 in federal Enhancement Program funds to develop the 1831 Southampton Insurrection Driving Tour. Funds will not be available until after October 1, 2010, the beginning of the federal fiscal year. Project sponsor meetings will be scheduled by VDOT later this fall.

You may recall that the driving tour will connect travelers, tourists, students and residents with sites associated with the Nat Turner rebellion. It will include fabrication of orientation exhibits, installation of interpretive signage, acquisition of easements, construction of turnouts and production of a brochure and map. The Rebecca Vaughan House, located on the *Museum of Southampton History* campus in Courtland, will function as a Visitor's Center and trailhead. Here, the public will learn about the rebellion, explore the route traveled by Turner and his insurgents, and discover period artifacts, including Turner's sword and the lock from his jail cell. The Historical Society has another grant application pending before the Dominion Foundation to complete the restoration of the Rebecca Vaughan House.

While the grant is actually awarded to Southampton County, we are simply functioning as a conduit for the Southampton County Historical Society – they will meet the required \$105,000 match with funds they've accrued over the last several years, including contributions from Southampton County.

NO MOTION REQUIRED