To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Convention of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to meet at Williamsburg the first Monday in October 1776.

The Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of Prince Edward County, respectfully sheweth, That we heartily approve and Chearfully Submit ourselves to the form of Government adopted at your last Session: hoping that our united American States will long continue free and Independent. The last Article of the Bill of Rights we also esteem as the rising Sun of religious Liberty, to release us from a long Night of ecclesiastic Bondage: And we do most earnestly request and expect that you would go on to complete what is so nobly begun; raise religious as well as civil Liberty to the Zenith of Glory, and make Virginia an Asylum for free enquiry, knowledge, and the virtuous of every Denomination. Justice to ourselves and Posterity, as well as a regard to the honour of the Common Wealth, Makes it our indispensable Duty, in particular to intreat, That without Delay, you would fall down all Church Establishments; Abolish every Law upon Conscience and private Judgment; and leave each Individual to rise or sink according to his Merit, and the general Laws of the Land. The whole Amount of what we desire is, That Our Honourable Legislature would blot out every Vestige of British Tyranny and Bondage, and define accurately between civil and ecclesiastic Authority; then leave our Lord Jesus Christ the Honour of being the Sole Lawgiver and Governor in his Church; and every one in the Things of Religion to stand or fall to Him; he being in this respect the only rightful Master. And your Petitioners as in duty bound, Shall ever pray.

September 24th 1776

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Charles Richey
Sam: Baker
George Shilkday
John Caldwell
Rob: Johnston
John Cuningham
Sam: Cuningham
James Graham
James Corfield
Andrew Baker

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John Cleaton
Sam.l Marshall
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Wm Coplin
John Coplin
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Tho. Allexander
Jno. Hamilton
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James Fraizer
Jno. Mc. Swine
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James Parks
Ezekiel Parks
Joseph Parks.
Tho. Scott.
William Scott.
Wm. Huston
Ro. Martin
James Ewing Senr.
Samuel Ewing
Wm. Gillespie

George Gillespie
Phillip Mc. Taggart
Lawrance Cook
James Gillespie
George Shilliday Jr.
Robert Reid
Wm. Hamersly
Jacob Neighbours
Dick Holland
William Baldwin
William Baldwin Jun.
Benjamin Baldwin
William Findley
Robt. Watson
Nat. Porter
Francis Clark
Wm. Mills
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John Marshill
John Willson
Joshua Bunkley
Charles Hogens
Richd. Groce
Edward Clark
Thoms. Marshill
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Thos. Paulet
John Hunter
Allx. Hunter
Silas Wood
Luke Palmer
Seymer Ketichin
James Richardson
Charles Wood
Paul. Wood

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James Ewing Jun
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James M.c Elroy
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James Donnell
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Wm. Porter
Jn.o Porter Jun.r
John Morrison
Jam.s Scott
James Morrison
Jam.s Cunningham Sen.r
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Matthew Cunningham
Henry Dawson
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Jn.o Granter
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