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Madison Mining and Trading Company, Petition, 1849 **Transcription**

Petition of the Madison mining & trading company for armes &c

To the General Assembly of the State of Virginia

We the undersigned, citizens of the State of Virginia, preparing to emigrate to our newlyacquired territory of upper California, beg leave, to present to the Legislature of Virginia this our humble suit and petition:

Inasmuch as pioneers to all newly-opened regions are forced to prepare themselves at large expense to [illegible] the troubles and disturbances, which opposition in interests is known always to cause among individuals who have but little law by which to guide their actions: We your petitioners, members of the Madison Mining and Trading Company, do humbly sue, that as the Representatives of the people of Virginia in Legislature assembled and influenced by the motherly interest our state has always extended her sons, a loan be granted from her armory, of such small cannon and other arms, as may be deemed necessary to place us on a footing, equal to all probable emergencies which may present themselves, and in return your petitioners on their part do promise that they shall always be used on the side of law and order, and never to the injury or detriment of any of the interests of our beloved country and your petitioners will ever pray &c.

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And other members out of town

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