

To the Honble the Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses of Virginia now met in assembly at the Capital in the City of Williamsburg.

Your petitioners the freeholders of Fairfax County most humbly sheweth that whereas there was held an election for Burgesses in the said County at the Town of Alexandria on the 21st day of April 1777 and your petitioners finding it inconvenient to attend on that day and at that place by reason of the small pox raging in the Town and in every house at that time, where had we have gone, it might have been attended with the greatest hurt to our families and the loss of our crops of grain, being at a time when our plantations and farms required our greatest attention, therefore we humbly conceive that it is illegal and unjust for fifty or sixty voters in and for the Town of Alexandria who would safely go there having their families all under inoculation to chose two members to represent the County when we conceive there are more then three hundred voters in the said County which we are informed they have done. Now we your petitioners relying on your wisdom and justice do humbly desire a redress of this our grievance in granting us another election near the center of the county at one Prices

not infected with the small pox,

or any other place ~~excepting~~ ^ In the county except the Town of Alexandria where your petitioners will be afraid to venture for these six months to come as at that place our troops are dayly passing through and suffering the inoculation on their way to Head Quarters and in Justification of our petition we would beg your Honors to call upon Col Henry Lee of Prince William County who we are truly satisfied will make good our obligations in this complaint. And [illegible] Duty bound shall we ever pray [illegible]...

J[torn] Williams	Drummond Wheeler	Edward [torn]	Mathew Bradey	John Elliot	Peter Mauzy
Thomas Lestor	Sam ^l Thopson	Renhold Garret	Geo. Smith	George Seller	Peter Farley
Daniel Jenkins	Benoney Hawley	Philip Mason	Benj ^a Talbutt	Moses Simpson	Amos Fox
John Hurst	Jas Wren	John Deakins	W ^m Tunnell	Joseph Jacobs Junr	Lewis Sander
Phillip Grimes	Will ^m Wren	Peter Gullett	Joseph Cockril	William Simpson	
Benj ^a Suthard	John Wren	Henry Passerham/ Paurnam	Andrew Betle	John Simpson	
Joseph Wood	Thos. Hornbuckle	tailund [?] took[?]	John Monroe	John Robertson	
John Cattey	John Boling	Edward Blackburn	Fleming Patarson	Rhodham Simpson	
		John Summer Sen			
Nehemiah Davis	Henry Shaffer	John Summer Jur	Henry Terrett	Edw Washington	
John Reid	Simon Pearson	David Price	Sampson Tramell	William Haynie	
	Henry Darne				
George Winn	John Hunter	William Summors	Samson Trammel	John Hampton	
			Thos [?] Halburt 90		
Will ^m Scott	Chas Craig	Andrew Allen	Chas Thrift	Gilbert Rowland	

John Dulin	Thomas Pearson	Danil Mills	Ed Davis	William Hollyman
John Martain	John Miller	His John Spinks Mark	Drakeford Gray	Hage King
Sammuel Talbutt	Tho Gr [fsame hand as entry below]	Thos Ellison	John O'Daniel	Ge ^o Lamkin
John Clark	Tho Graffort	Thos Boswell	Lewis Ellzey	Richard Clark
William Johnsen	John Williams 40	William Hoffman	Thomazin Ellzy	William Moon
Tho ^s Lewis	Geo Minor	Thos Read	M Backwith Jun	Tho ^s Lucas
Ja ^s Martin	Sanford Reamey	John Seale	Thomas Pollard	William Edwards
Marsillirs Littlejohn	Wm Richards/Bihards	Ja ^s Jenkins Sen	Sampson Turley	Beat[illeg.] Simpson
Ja ^s Hally	Edward Dulin	Thomas Palmer	Daniel Kincheloe	George Simpson
Ja ^s Moore	George Thrift	Thomas Moxley	Hnry Roussau	Thos Withers Coffe[?]
George Robertson	William Darne	Thomas Moses	Edward Ford	Fredk Coffe[?]
Michael Downey	William Gunnell	Thomas Jenkins	Thos Sangster	
	Jeremiah Williams	William Stone	David Loofbourrow	
	Gera ^d Terrell Ferrell			
	Robt Lindsay			

I do confess that the small pox was in Alexandria also

in [~~illeg word stricken~~] various hamlets in the county Philip Alexander.

[Reverse]

May 29th 1777
Fairfax Petition
referr'd
to Committee of Priveledges
(Rejected)