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To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Delegates  
in general Assembly convened.

The petition of the People of Princeps Anne County and of other parts of the Commonwealth respectfully sheweth, that your petitioners have for a series of years viewed as a matter of the first importance to the commercial and agricultural interests of this Commonwealth in particular, and of the United States in general, the opening a coastwise canal, competent to passing Sea Vessels of eight Feet Draft of Water, from the Port of Norfolk through the eastern Branch of Elizabeth River, - leaving that River at or near Kempsville, and thence crossing the passage to the North River, at or near the North Landing, and continuing such Navigation thence down the same to <sup>the</sup> Head of Currituck Sound; where the boundary line between this Commonwealth and the State of North Carolina crosses the same in Latitude thirty six Degrees thirty Minutes North; both which points of junction and portage are situated in the County of Princeps Anne in the Commonwealth aforesaid.

And your petitioners beg leave further to represent that they consider a lateral canal, leading to the southern branch of Lynhaven River, would be a valuable auxiliary in promoting the Naval and Military defence of the Port of Norfolk, while the grand junction canal could not fail of increasing its commercial prosperity and wealth.

Your petitioners have ascertained that both these operations are practicable in about ten miles cutting, and with a view to illustration have procured full surveys of the section of country ~~thru~~ which they are to pass, to <sup>all</sup> which they beg leave to refer your honourable house. And as the General Government at the late sessions of the Congress of the United States, has evinced a desire of effecting a great inland coastwise Navigation, from Maine to the Carolinas and thence capable of extension to New Orleans, several parts of which operation are now in great forwardness, your petitioners would respectfully suggest that it might ensure highly interesting state improvements, by investing the Federal Government with a superintendency or directing power to carry the said canals into effect.

Your petitioners therefore pray of the Honourable general Assembly an Act so full and comprehensive as to effectuate the above mentioned objects and of such further relief as the honourable the Legislature may in its wisdom dispense.

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