

Sir

Shanandoah County Octob^r 26th 1787

Being one of the Representatives chosen in April last to Represent this County in the present Assembly now sitting which was contrary to ^{my} ~~my~~ inclination and did not declare myself as a Candidate for that purpose. Finding it is not in my power to attend the same at this time and by a former Act that no person who has served as a member of Assembly for the term of seven years, shall afterwards be compelled to serve therein -

therefore think myself as exempted as I have served in that Capacity a longer term, and being desirous that the Freeholders of my County should have an Opportunity to elect another in my Room pray that your Honour will lay this letter before the Assembly and hope they will direct a writ to issue for that purpose.

I am with due respect

Y^r Honors Very Humble

Servant

Abm. Bird

The Honorable

the Speaker of
the House of Delegates

Richmond

Hon^d by
Isaac Lane esq^r

Deferas to Oversteps

November 25, 1807

Mr Baynes's letter