

To the Honble the Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of
Delegates The petition of Cornelius Brown of the County
of Montgomery, Humbly Sheweth;

That your petitioner holding by a legal
Title the possession of Land on each side of New River,
through which a road is established by the County Court
of Montgomery, very much frequented by a number
of travellers from different parts of this Country;— This
induced your petitioner to erect a boat for the con-
venience of the public; taking from passengers the
usual ferriage, being altogether ignorant that ~~the said~~
ferries can only be established by the peculiar sanction
of the Assembly— Your petitioner ^{having been} ~~being~~ at a considerable
expence in constructing a large, safe & convenient
boat & has attended strictly to the business of the ferry, which
has been of considerable advantage to the Citizens of this
Country, and from its situation, necessary— Your
petitioner is therefore induced to pray that your
Honorable body will take into consideration his case,
and authorize him by a special act to continue his
said ferry, ~~and~~ establish the same under such regulations
as to you in your wisdom may seem expedient—

And your petitioner shall pray

Cornelius Brown

Brown's Pet.

7th Nov. 1791

Ref. to props.

(reasonable)

(ref.)