

To The General Assembly of Virginia.

The undersigned, farmers of the County of Albemarle, have long felt the necessity of some legislative protection in a branch of their pursuits, which is of growing importance, and interest. They mean Sheep Husbandry. Sad experience has demonstrated the futility of attempting to rear sheep, unless some means can be devised of diminishing ~~the~~ number of dogs, or giving some indemnity for their ravages.

Your petitioners have learned with great satisfaction, that their neighbours of London have in a great measure accomplished this desirable object by procuring a Law, which, while it tends to lessen the number of dogs by levying taxes on them, raises from this source a fund to remunerate the owners of sheep for their losses by dogs. Perhaps, its efficacy would be enhanced by a provision making the owner of a dog responsible for the mischief he may do in a flock of sheep.

Your petitioners, therefore, respectfully pray the passage of a similar Law, with such improvements, as your wisdom may

A Petition of sundry  
Farmers of the County  
of Albemarle, praying  
the Passage of a Law  
to provide more effec-  
-tually for the protec-  
-tion of Sheep in said  
County

Jan<sup>y</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1848  
ref. to a P.M.

suggest, to be applicable to this county  
and  
your Petitioners will ever pray &c.

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