

To the Honorable, The Speaker & Members of Genl.  
Assembly The petition & Remonstrance of your  
Distressed fellow Citizens, the Inhabitants of the District  
of <sup>of Prince</sup> ~~Prince~~ Anne County. Humbly Sheweth,

That your humble petitioners have been for  
many years past, desiring to lay their complaints before  
your honorable body, & Principally arising from the  
manner that we are separated from the main Body of  
Our County, — Particularly, the distance & Situation we  
are in respecting our County Court, — (We wish) to  
have your Honorable body fully acquainted, with every  
particular Circumstance attending Our distresses —

Our district from North to South, is in length  
Just about Ten Miles, — From East to West, from  
One, to Two miles in width, we are in number Just  
fifty five freeholders, — with near about ~~eighty~~ <sup>eighty</sup> white  
Tithables in said District, — We are binding on  
the main body of St-Brides Parish in Norfolk County,  
Just Ten miles in length, and no Separation between us,  
but a line of marked Trees, — We are cut off from all  
Communication from the main body of Our County, by  
the waters of the North River, which is from One to Three  
Miles wide, — Making out of Curlew Creek Sound from  
North Carolina, with a large body of marsh & Swamps  
Separating us from St. North River, from One to Two miles  
wide, extending up, and intersecting with the head of the  
marsh & Swamps, of the head of the Southern Branch,  
which makes out of Elizabeth River in Norfolk County,

The distance we have to our County Court, from  
Carolina line, is Just thirty Two miles, Fourteen miles of  
the same, we have to travel through the main body of St-  
Brides parish, and no other way can possibly ever be made  
Practicable for us, or our posterity, as long as we remain  
part of Princeps Anne County, The duties of Sheriffs office  
is intolerable hard to perform in Our district —

As that your Honorable body must be fully sensible of, these fatiguing difficulties, (and these alone,) are the causes of your ~~your~~ complaining petitioners, presenting this petition before your Honorable body.

The Petition of the distressed Inhabitants of St. Brides Parish in Norfolk County, that comes before your Honorable body, with the most laudable reasons, we trust will be granted them, we participate with them in their sufferings, and have perfect knowledge of all their distresses and share with them in those intolerable burdens, which they have too long laboured under, we most heartily join them in praying to your honorable body, to grant them a separate County, we perfectly know, that, that separation, will relieve them & their posterity, of those weighty and long felt Grievances, and restore to them, that permanent peace, comfort, and tranquillity, which is the privilege of rational beings to enjoy, and without the compassion of your honorable body, they and their future generations will for ever be excluded from a

Should their petition be received, and their prayer granted them, which we most ardently wish for, then, may it please your Honorable body, we look up to you, for compassion on us and our posterity, for a removal of our Grievances, All we wish for, (all we pray for) is to be added to, and made part of that County called St. Brides, (provided) your Honorable body grants them that Separation they pray for, These, and these alone, are Measures, that will relieve your distressed fellow Citizens from those Burdensome Grievances which we have heretofore laboured under, & restore to us, and our posterity, that peace & general Satisfaction to every individual of our Inhabitants, that we, with our forefathers, have long wish'd for, Our petition, (we trust) is founded upon such laudable, and equitable reasons, as not to be injurious to any private, or publick matter, We therefore trust, that your Honorable body will

Will grant your Humble Petitioners their most reasonable Request; who is in duty bound will ever pray to the

Ed. Cooper	Caleb Old	John Woodard
Benezer Craig	Jacl Woodard	Manx Woodard
Thomas Tooley	Corneil Wickers	James Ethendy
Malachi Reed	John Cooper	Peter Rone
William Sory	James Bowin	Eliab Davis
James Grisham	William Thornton	Nelson Williams
Geo. Dyer	John Bowle	Willoughby Stoltz
John Lee	Wm. Read	John Ricy
Adam Deeb	Geo. Lockhart	Wm. Simmons
John Dyer	Arthur Jennings	Cornelis Whit
James Wickers	John Cartright	Caleb Canings
Thos. Sanford	James Ethendy	John Williams
Augustus Woodard	Caleb Norton	Jas. Gibbon
Thomas Hobbs	Caleb Norton	Lo. Gibbon
John Gibbon	Caleb Norton	
Emmanuel Sanders	Oraska Likes	
Thomas Old Junr	Saloman Duncker	
Caleb Hoary	James March	
Martain Cumming	James Nimmo	
Samuel Sorey	Thargood Etheridge	
John Bowin	Francis Sory	
George Warburton	Caleb Dough	
Charles Fisher	John Humphreys	
Jeremiah Plummer	William Pagan	
Kittey Phillips	Rich Corbett	
George Boush	William Shewell	
Joshua Callin	John Kiff	
Jas. Ethendy	John Wilson	

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Octo 25<sup>th</sup> 1789

Ref<sup>o</sup> to props —

Octo 27<sup>th</sup> props

discharged —

note from Princes Anne