

To the General Assembly of Virginia

The undersigned, Citizens of the Town of Newburn, being informed that a petition will be presented to the General Assembly, praying for the passage of an act to incorporate and extend the limits of said Town, they have respectfully to recommend against the passage of such an act, as the effect of it will be injurious and oppressive to a majority (in interest) of the owners of property, and permanent Citizens of the place. The space at present occupied is abundantly sufficient for double the number of inhabitants the village now contains, and its population would not be increased by incorporating it or extending its limits, but to do either would cause expense and annoyance to the owners of property adjoining the village, without any corresponding benefit to any.

The village contains only thirty three dwelling houses and stores; there is a cross street about the centre sixty feet in width, and sufficient spaces between the houses for a way, street, or alley between every lot in the village; and unoccupied space at the rear of all the lots for a street of any desirable width. It is obvious then that every owner of property in the village can, at pleasure, have access to any part of his own property or any part of the village with the means at present proposed by him, and without prejudice to the interests of others. A majority of the persons who have signed the said petition are not owners of property and have no permanent interest in the place. Believing that we would be

seriously injured and aggrieved by the passage of the
act prayed for by the petitioners, we earnestly remonstrate
against it, and ^{voluntarily} ~~respectfully~~ protest against the enacting
a law which would oppress us without material ben-
efit to any. The undersigned property holders are the
owners of the land proposed to be annexed to, and
incorporated with the town,

Owners of Property

W. B. Alexander
Michael Fayer

Jno. H. Vermillion, ^{as Exor}
of Reuben Vermillion dec'd

Jno. H. Vermillion

Members of Council

Wm. P. Bernie

Juan M. S. Lyon
Philip Fidler

James James
Samuel Kupper
Lindrey S. Godley
Thos. H. Bosang

James R. Kent

M. A. Bernie

(380)
Reconstruction of
incorporating the town
of Newbury

Jno. Leadall

March 23 1852

ref. to Pet. 380

See
Petition 381 - on wh bill
considered