

To the honorable Legislators of Virginia now in Session
 we the undersigned Merchants and Citizens of Putnam
 County Virginia do pray and petition to your honorable
 body to pass a Law so as to Reduce the Rates imposed
 upon ~~us~~ ^{them} for ~~selling~~ the Privilege of Retailing goods of
 Wares and Merchandise of Foreign and domestic
 growth so as to make it upon the Adversam principal
 as the same as other property so as to let us pay for
 the Capital invested the same as ^{on} Real estate or
 personal property according to its valuation ~~from~~ ^{from} the 26
 day of December 1837

Subscriber names

Jesse Timms
 Lewis C. George
 Lewis H. May
 Ernst Ehrlicher
 C. M. Pirat
 John Seeding
 Benj. H. Puffer
 Merida Chapman
 John W. Stockland
 Hosmer S. Morris
 William H. Woody
 M. S. Morris
 James Martin
 David Embaugh
 W. Seeding
 P. J. White
 J. J. Spears
 C. W. Timms
 James C. Baldwin

Subscriber names

John M. Coaster
 Geo. Hogan
 A. H. Hill
 H. Bailey
 R. Baskin
 J. Bonds
 J. H. Milam
 Daniel Hill
 James Tucker
 Lewis B. Wood
 Franklin Reynolds
 John W. Wagon
 Martin Barber
 A. Ashby
 Joseph Forth
 J. C. Caruth
 William Kelly
 Jackson Corney
 Charles Duncan

Subscribers Names

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Buffalo January 1st 1858

Mr Fitzhugh

Please find enclosed a petition from the citizens of this county for a Reduction of Merchants License please attend to the matter and oblige yours

John Timony

I am Requested to say to you the Citizens of Buffalo want the 10 Trustees of said Town Reduced to 5 in each Ward instead of 10 so that you make a coram then we'll need no petition as there will be no opposetion please make a move to that effect and oblige yours &c as it is very difficult to get 10 Freeholders in this Town your &c

John Timony

January 1st 1858

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Petition of John Lewis and others of the County of Warren, praying that the license tax on merchants may be regulated by the amount of capital invested in business

Fitzhugh

July 8. 1858

Rep to Timony