

To the General Assembly of Virginia.

The Petition of Alfred Beckley of the County of Raleigh would respectfully represent to your Honourable Body that he is the Owner, of 20,283 Acre of unsettled unimproved Lands lying in Raleigh, and small portions in Mercer and Wyoming Counties That at the last Reassessment of Lands in Western Virginia these lands were valued for taxation at One Dollar per Acre, their Assessment being raised from Twenty five Cents to One Dollar, making the Annual Tax $\$81 \frac{13}{100}$.

Your Petitioner avers to your Honourable Body that he cannot sell these lands for the average price of One Half Dollar per Acre, and that it is unjust to value them for taxation One hundred per Cent above what they could sell at.

Your Petitioner was absent from the County when the New Assessment Lists were handed in and was not aware of the extravagant Reassessment of his Wild lands until too late to apply to the County Court. Your Petitioner humbly asks your Hon^{ble} Body to authorize the County Court of Raleigh to reduce the valuation of his Lands to such amount as they may think just & equitable. As to the taxation of his improved Lands he makes no Complaint.

Respectfully Submitted to the General Assembly of Virginia December 24th 1859.

Alfred Beckley.

Petition of Alfred
Beckley;

To shew the court
court of exchequer
to reduce the Land Tax
of St. Michael's

in Marshfield

1844

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Finances

No. 91

W. Montgomery

France

Dec 24th

1859