

To The Honourable the Senate and House of Delegates
of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Memorial of the undersigned, Citizens
of the Counties of Amherst, Nelson, Campbell and of the City of Lynchburg,
respectfully represents: - That at the City of Lynchburg there is but one
Bridge across James River - that by the building of the main Depot of the
Virginia and Tennessee Rail road near the end of said bridge, and the laying
down of several tracks of said road in front of said bridge, and the incessant
use of said tracks during the day and frequently untill a late hour at
Night, the lives, limbs and property of persons using the present bridge are
very much endangered. - and that moreover the Toll, collected by the present
Bridge Company, are deemed by your Memorialists to be very high, amounting
to oppression. - Your Memorialists would state that about half a
mile above the present Toll bridge, a most eligible location exists for
the construction of a bridge across James River - that this site will be
rendered more fit and proper, when the short Canal which is now being
made to supply the Pump House with water for the City is completed, as
said Canal will furnish Water Power sufficient for several Flouring Mills,
Founderies and other Manufacturing Establishments, which business
when established, will require a bridge across the river at that point
to afford intercourse with the adjacent Country.

Your petitioners would therefore most respectfully ask that your Honourable
Bodies will cause to be passed at the present Session of the Legislature, an Act
authorizing a company to construct a Bridge across James River at a point not
nearer than half a mile above the present Toll bridge, and that said Company
shall have no power to collect Toll, and shall be styled "The Lynchburg and
Wardlaw Free Bridge Company", and go into operation under such regulations
and restrictions as the Legislature may deem proper. - And your petitioners will
ever pray &c. -

Ino J. Watson
Alon. J. Jasper
Caleb Adams
Wm. Hart
Morroe Love
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Henry J. Brown
Thos. Edwards
E. J. Burston
Thomas Philkeal
Henry S. Duffel

New Bridge at Lynchburg.

We were shown on Saturday a memorial being numerously signed by citizens of Lynchburg and the counties of Amherst, Nelson, &c., asking of the Legislature a charter for the construction of a "Free Bridge" across James River at this place. For the satisfaction of all parties interested we publish the memorial below. If it be a fact as set forth in the petition that the several tracks of the Railroad in front of the present Bridge offer obstructions to the free and safe use of it, this difficulty must greatly increase when our Railroad makes its connection with the Southern system of Railroads at the Tennessee line.

The reasons we are told for designating the point at which the Bridge should be erected are that it is the only place that could be used on this side without coming in contact with the track or tracks of the several Railroads terminating here—that when a bridge which is now in contemplation is thrown over Blackwater Creek from the foot of Balls Alley to Langhorn's Mill, both the Virginia & Tennessee, and the Orange & Alexandria Railroads—and, again, that the point selected is the only one from which a good road can be made to lead into the country.

* will be cleared.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Delegates of the Commonwealth of Va.

The memorial of the undersigned citizens of the counties of Amherst, Nelson, Campbell and the city of Lynchburg, respectively represented.—That at the city of Lynchburg there is now one Bridge across James River—due to the building of the same by the Virginia and Tennessee Rail Road, near the foot of Balls Alley, and the laying down of several miles of said road in front of said bridge, and the constant use of said tracks during the day and frequently until a late hour at night, the lives, health and property of persons using the present bridge are very much endangered—and that surveys the tolls collected by the present Bridge Company are deemed by your memorialists to be very high, amounting to oppression.

Your memorialists would state that about half a mile above the present Toll bridge, a most eligible location exists for the construction of a bridge across James River—that this site will be rendered more feasible upon the removal of the said bridge which is now being used to connect the Orange County with Lynchburg City in connection with the Canal and Railroad water power sufficient for several Flouring Mills, BUCHING AND OTHER MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS which business when established will require a bridge across the water at this point to be had intercourse with the adjacent country.

Your Petitioners would therefore most respectfully ask that your Honorable Bodies will cause to be passed as the present session of the Legislature, an Act authorizing a Company to construct a bridge across James River at a point not within three miles above the present Toll bridge, and that said Company shall have no power to collect tolls, but shall be liable to the Government and the Citizens of said Counties, and to the Government and the Citizens of the State of Tennessee, and that your Honorable Bodies will cause to be passed an Act to that effect.

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Names

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Wm. Cox
 W. B. Thurman
 Wm. M. Gustin
 Wm. Saunders
 L. S. Lupton
 J. D. Payton
 James L. Schoolfield
 John Rucker
 P. Mabry
 S. D. Taliaferro
 Pleasant. Smith
 Stephen C. Smith
 James Ley
 A. J. Black
 Daniel M. Black
 S. E. Horner
 Henry A. Christman
 Wm. A. Kinser
 J. L. Chisler
 Geo. J. Mahone
 C. H. Moring
 J. W. Goff
 J. W. Carter
 Andrew B. Rucker
 Jas. P. Scott
 W. Bowling
 James Boyd
 C. S. Fisher
 A. Pauplin
 A. R. Williams
 Geo. Coleman
 George P. Ball

Samuel Thurman
 Geo. H. Wilson
 John L. Murrell
 Cyrus Goodgraf
 John S. Richards
 Wm. J. Kinsey
 Thos. H. Williams
 Wm. G. Mum
 M. H. Lewis
 B. L. Taliaferro
 A. C. Lewis
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 John D. Droskey
 Jas. M. Wingfield
 Wm. Hamilton Mooby
 Shochy Whithead
 Wm. P. Wells
 Horace G. Miers
 Marcella Maltby
 G. D. Cox & Wm. Maltby
 Richd. G. Venable
 Daniel Driskell
 John R. Driskell
 Edwin Matthews
 Wm. G. Maltby
 John L. Harrison
 John H. Jamison
 Wm. C. Anderson
 Wm. H. Mountcastle
 David Ostry
 A. W. Davison
 William H. Burle
 Saml. Dinnidellie
 Lewis Menell
 A. G. Hancock

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N. Spencer Lloyd

Langham & Johns

Wm. T. Anderson

C. B. Dusenbroy

Geo. A. Howard

Geo. W. Baynes

J. R. Reed

J. S. Kimball

Publ. N. Y. Herald

John A. James

Robt. D. Wright

Geo. A. Watson

D. W. Jones

Tom Brown

A. B. [unclear]

Thompson Parley

James M. Garvin

A. J. [unclear]

Chas. [unclear]

A. G. Hibney

Thos. W. Bailey

Saml. W. Mason

Henry C. Coe

Joseph T. Ramsey

H. H. [unclear]

Thos. H. Crane

Thos. Barber

Thos. [unclear]

George H. Burnett

James L. Watts

Samuel [unclear]

Thos. A. [unclear]

John A. [unclear]

John P. [unclear]

Charles C. [unclear]

John S. [unclear]

A. Ogden

E. Colman

John S. Carroll

Geo. [unclear]

Grace D. Tinsley

Nanc. [unclear]

James M. [unclear]

George [unclear]

Wm. A. [unclear]

Geo. Daniel [unclear]

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John L. [unclear]

Robert K. Williams

Christopher M. [unclear]

Wm. H. [unclear]

Ed. [unclear]

Thos. M. [unclear]

Saml. M. [unclear]

Chas. H. [unclear]

R. L. [unclear]

Wm. A. [unclear]

Wm. A. [unclear]

Wm. A. [unclear]

Wm. A. [unclear]

John W. [unclear]

John W. [unclear]

Edmund P. Tucker.
James P. Coleman
Charles L. Jones
John Richison
Nathaniel N. Mantzly
Jas. Striggs
R. W. White
Wm. Buford
James H. Brent
William Rice
Richard S. Drayton
Robt. W. Dutton
John Ryder
Dury B. Dutton
Benjamin H. Jones
L. T. Amoret
Jas. Buford
Jacob Smith
W. P. Williams
Charles J. H. H.
A. C. C. C.
William H. Jones
John W. C. C.
J. M. C. C.
M. C. C.
Chas. P. P.
J. S. B. C.
Wm. C. C.

J. D. Jennings
Jno. J. Purvis
Asa W. Conant
Wm. C. C.
M. C. C.
C. C. C.
Culver Ford, Jr.
Williams & Hamer
Wiley, Campbell
John M. C. C.
H. C. C.
John M. C. C.
James C. C.
Sam. H. C. C.
Chas. C. C.
Sam. C. C.
R. H. C. C.
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Petition of Citizens of the
County of Amherst & Nelson
and the City of Lynchburg
asking a charter, authorising
the construction of a Free
Bridge over the James River
at or near said City.

Com. R. & J. Jr.

Barris of
Amherst

Jan'y 30. 1856

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Memorial for a "Free Bridge"
at Lynchburg