

To the General Assembly of Virginia

Your petitioners Trustees

(and House Keepers in the Town of Falmouth) - Humbly petition  
your Body that an alteration in part of the Law for the  
Government of the said Town may be changed - <sup>the</sup> and explain  
off is <sup>that</sup> the Trustees of said Town are now elected for life or ten-  
years from said Town. ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Trustees~~ <sup>Trustees</sup> ~~constitute~~ <sup>constitute</sup> nearly Half of the Free  
holders of the place and none others are suffered to vote  
except Freeholders - Therefore your petitioners pray that  
a Law may be passed authorizing but ~~not~~ <sup>requiring</sup> Trustees &  
them to be freeholders & Residents of the Town and elected  
annually on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May, & giving them the power  
to choose out of their Body a President, Recorder & Treasurer -  
(and giving ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~all~~ <sup>as a 2<sup>d</sup> grade</sup> ~~whole~~ <sup>of</sup> Male Citizens <sup>House Keepers of</sup>  
said Town the liberty of Voting - and that the said Trustees  
have power to raise by Tax or Rents a sum not exceeding ~~and~~  
two hundred ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> Dollars ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> be applied to such improvements  
& General goods as they may deem expedient, and in all things  
respect the Law passed on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1811 to remain the same,  
for the Good Government of the Town, and we wish that the  
Trustees may be compelled to hold a meeting of their Body  
once in every two months & the time <sup>place</sup> to be announced at four of  
the most publick places at least three Days previous to  
their meeting & once in every Year all the acts & doings of  
said Trustees to be announced at four of the most publick  
places in said Town at least one month before the Election - also  
giving the power to any ~~four~~ <sup>four</sup> of their Body to form a Quorum  
& proceed to business - In cases of Emergency the said Trustees  
are to set at any other time by the Recorder or president inquiring  
a meeting - & giving the Trustees a power to Lay a Poll  
Tax on free negroes - also a power vested in the Trustees  
when the Taxes &c are insufficient for the purposes of said  
Town to call out all male Citizens to work on the Streets  
and your petitioners &c will ever pray  
Falmouth Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1829

N<sup>o</sup> 45.<sup>v</sup>  
Petition from the  
Citizens of Talmonts  
in Stafford county  
change the mode of election  
Lawyers &c &c.

From Cooke

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 1829

1830. ref. to Prop<sup>r</sup>

Com. 4<sup>th</sup> Resolutions.<sup>v</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> Res. reported.<sup>v</sup>

18 Dec draft of 25<sup>th</sup> Res<sup>s</sup>  
reported to house. 3<sup>v</sup>

Spotswood Poinfrey  
Geo. Leitch  
James Coblin

Thos. C. Scott  
John, H. S. Potts  
Edward Burns  
John O. Rion  
Guy Thayer

John Franklin

Wm. A. Smith

John W. Love

Wm. B. Billingsley

Yewerton, B. Portch

Sturman B. Barnes

Wm. J. Cunningham

William H. Boycutt

John M. Stevens

Benjamin Hall Smith

Wm. H. H. H. H.

Wm. H. H. H. H.

John Lewis

James Cow

A. Fitzhugh

James R. Hewitt