

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. the Speaker, & Gent<sup>l</sup>. of the House of Delegates in  
The Petition of the Freeholders, Charles Cooper & Inhabitants of  
the Parish of Amherst, in the County of Amherst,

Humbly sheweth as

That the great extent of the said Parish, its Mountainous situation  
& the Number of Churches & Chapels therein, renders it too inconvenient  
for any one Minister to perform the duties of his sacred Function  
in such a manner as for your Petitioners to be benefited thereby  
For remedy whereof they humbly pray that the said Parish may be  
divided by a direct line to be run from Migginsons Warehouse  
in the Town of Amherst, to the Tuscarora River, to Pines Mill, on Piney  
Creek, thence up Piney River to the fork thereof a bowe League to  
Powsells Plantation, & thence up the North fork to the Blue Ridge,  
which Division they conceive will leave near an equal Number  
of Tithables in each Parish —

Your Petitioners further beg leave to en

shew that should the Proposed Division take place the present of the  
said Parish will be rendered inconvenient to either of the said Parishes, they  
therefore pray that the same may be vested in the hands of Commissioners  
for the purpose of selling by Conveying the same for the best Price that  
can be got, & the money arising therefrom to be equally divided  
between the two Parishes in proportion to the Number of Tithables  
in each. & your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Matthew Harris  
Wm Loring  
James Stevens  
Dennis Lewis,  
John Kiate  
John Tenn  
Robert Williams  
Robert Horsbys  
Hergh Rose

Amherst Pet. Amherst Pet.  
ref. being con-  
fided to the committee ref. Religion  
of religion

Oct. 13. 1778. Reasonable  
Oct. 15th 1778.

Bill carried in

Amherst County, October Court 1778. This petition was this day  
presented in Court and ordered to be referred to the General Assembly  
Test. Wm Lovings Clerk