

Virginia Legislature to the State Executives, 20 November 1788

VIRGINIA, *to wit*:

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

FRIDAY, *the 20th* NOVEMBER, 1788.

[“]SIR, The FREEMEN of this COMMONWEALTH in CONVENTION ASSEMBLED, having, at the same time that they ratified the FEDERAL CONSTITUTION, expressed a desire that many parts which they considered as exceptionable should be amended, the General Assembly, as well from a sense of their duty, as a Conviction of its defects, have thought proper to take the earliest measures in their power, for the accomplishment of this important object. They have accordingly agreed upon an application, to be presented to the Congress, so soon as it shall be assembled, requesting that Honorable Body, to call a Convention of deputies from the several States, to take the same into their consideration, and report such amendments, as they shall find best calculated to answer the purpose. As we conceive that all the good people of the United States, are equally interested in obtaining those amendments, that have been proposed, we trust that there will be an harmony in their sentiments and measures, upon this very interesting subject. We herewith transmit to you a copy of this application, and take the liberty to subjoin our earnest wishes that it may have your concurrence.”

Signed by Order and on Behalf of the General Assembly.

John Jones SS

Thos Mathews S.H.D

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