To the Honowable The General Assembly of Alorginia. We the undersigned, cetezins of Rockinghan county Unginia, respectfully appresent, that Nathaw. a free mad of chour, residing in this county, who was emancepated by his tate mestrep, Catharine Dundap, of This country who departed this lipe in May 1833 \_ is deserves of remaining in said County, with her where his wife and children reside with their master me. George Letes - Most of us have been long acquainted with the said Nathaw he was born and raised in the family of his tate master W. Qualap in 50 County, and after his said masters?. death, was perchased by his tale mostifs and lived with has, from the line of his tate markers' death, to the time of her death during all of which line, the said Nathan has been a faithfull dervand to his said owners - as an indence of which, (as we have above states ) his tale meshelp maneipated him by her last will. Nathan is now consecherably, advanced in years, has a who and four shildren, who are stares and having, as he states, no way of purchasing them in any short time, eauen of their Mouter would sell them and laring all those lender sempathies this which bind man to the place of his low & affection - Thus encumelanced, he has applied to us to unde with him, in a petition to your honourable body, to authorize him, by law, to spend the rumant of hid days, in the said colinly in which he was born and when are, his wife children & freends and almost every other object which he holds dear - We thouson, from the facts and cercumstances above delaited from the term Isnown good character of a Nathan and from a firm leiliefs that his being permitted to remain among us, in our board county will cause no injury to the good celegens of this County & the Commonwealthe Ido cornestly and res be objully request that the said Nathow be keethorized by the Gendal Spenty of Oliginia, to resede in the said County of Rocking home And your pelitioners

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To the Honourable the General Assembly of Virginia.

We the undersigned, citizens of Rockingham county Virginia, respectfully represent, that Nathan, a free man of colour, residing in this county, who was emancipated by his late mistress, Catharine Dunlap, of this county, who departed this life in May 1833 is desirous of remaining in said county, with his where his wife and children reside with their master Mr. George Sites Most of us have been long acquainted with the said Nathan he was born and raised in the family of his late master, Wm. Dunlap in sd county, and after his said masters' death, was purchased by his late mistress and lived with her, from the time of his late masters' death, to the time of her death during all of which time, the said Nathan has been a faithfull servant to his said owners as an evidence of which, (as we have above stated) his late mistress emancipated him by her last will. Nathan is now considerably advanced in years, has a wife and four children, who are slaves and having, as he states, no way of purchasing them in any short time, eaven if their master would sell them and having all those tender sympathies & ties which bind man to the place of his birth, the wife of his bosom and the ofspring of their mutual love & affection Thus circumstanced, he has applied to us, to unite with him, in a petition to your honourable body, to authorize him, by law, to spend the remnant of his days, in the said county in which he was born and where are, his "wife children & friends" and almost every other object which he holds dear We therefore, from the facts and circumstances above detailed from the kno known good character of s<sup>d</sup> Nathan and from a firm belief that his being permitted to remain among us, in our said county will cause no injury to the good citizens of this county & the commonwealth do earnestly and res pectfully request that, the said Nathan be authorized by the General Assembly of Virginia, to reside in the said county of Rockingham And your petitioners

## as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1833.

Nathan his mark [x] a freeman of colour.

George Sites
Joseph Yount

Young J Hiner

[illegible name]

John Sites

John Shultz

James Barns

Noah Beery

Jacob [illegible]

Jacob A. Mitchell

Anthony Rads

Shem Gochenauer

Benjamin Evans

W.B. Smith

Benjamin Gund

Saml Little

Jacob [illegible]

Wm H Hemp

Daniel Nead

Peter Nead

Fielding Stuart

Jacob Shultz

Christian Sites

Elisha Bryan

Rezin M Bryan

Jacob Lincoln

Michael Clonefetter

Curtis Bryan

Levi Shaver

Daniel Showalter

**Ephraim Shaver** 

Cyrus Sites

David Raden

Samuel Summers

Saml R. Hupt

Isaac Hill

Joseph Rife

Abner Canada

Samuel Shouk

John Kline Jr

Christian Horn

John Souder

Joseph S. Shoup

Johannes [illegible]

Samuel Kline

Strawther Thomas

Christian Funk

Abraham Funk

John Shaver

Barney Winters

G Zebulon Shaver

James Taylor

David Bowman

Benjamin Bowman

R.P. Fletcher

A petition of many inhabitants of Rockingham praying that Nathan a free man of colour be permitted to remain in the commonw ealth

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Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1833
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Dec. 7. Rejected