

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 master, Catharine Dundas, of this County, who departed this life
in May 1833 — is desirous of remaining in said County, ~~with~~
~~her~~ where his wife and children reside with their master Mr.
George Lites — Most of us have been long acquainted with
the said Nathan — he was born and raised in the family of his
late master, W^m. Dundas in 3^d County, and after his said Master's
death, was purchased by his late mistress and lived with her, from
the time of his late master's death, to the time of her death — dur-
ing all of which time, the said Nathan has been a faithful
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,
even 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 offspring 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 remainder 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 ~~known~~
known good character of 3^d 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
at

as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Nov: 16th 1833.

Nathan ^{his} ~~the~~ free man of colour.

George Sites

Joseph Grant
young by Kiner

John H. Woodworth

John Sites

John Shultz

Jacob P. Burns

Noah Beery

Jacob Kraus

Jacob A. Mitchell

Anthony Rads

Henry Gackensauer

Benjamin Erns

W. B. Smith

Benjamin Grant

Samuel Little

Amos Swisler

W. F. Kemp

David Nead

Peter Nead

Richard Street

Jacob Shultz

Christian Sites

Elisha Bryan

Benjamin King

Jacob King

Michael Clouse

Lucas Bryan

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Daniel Showalter

Ephraim Shaver

Cyrus Sites

David Rader

Samuel Summers

Samuel R. Hupf

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Joseph Rife

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John Rline

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Joseph S. Shoup

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Samuel Kline

Strawther Thomas

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John Shaver

Barney Winters

Y. Zebulon Shaver

James Taylor

David Bowman

Benjamin Bowman

R. P. Fletcher

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A petition of
messrs. Woodworth
& Shultz
Praying that
a free man of
colour be permitted
to receive the
same as
white

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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, W^m. Dunlap in s^d 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 ~~known~~ known good character of s^d 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 respectfully 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. 16th 1833.

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A petition of
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praying that Nathan
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Dec 4th 1833
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Dec. 7. Rejected