

Imprint No.: **1797.036**

Short Title: **Memorial Protesting Presentment by a Federal Grand Jury.**

Author: Inhabitants of Amherst, Albemarle, Fluvanna, and Goochland.

Title: [Petition of the inhabitants of the counties of Amherst, Albemarle, Fluvanna and Goochland in relation to the presentment of Samuel Jordan Cabell their representative in congress, by the grand jury of the U. S. for the district of Virginia, for sending circular letters in -which were disseminated unfounded calumnies against the happy government of the U. S. ...].

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Notes: In a remonstrance written by Thomas Jefferson (ca. August 1797), the Virginia constituents of U.S Representative Samuel Jordan Cabell protest a federal grand jury presentment against Cabell for sedition:

"We, of the grand jury of the United States, for the district of Virginia, present as a real evil, the circular letters of several members of the late Congress, and particularly letters with the signature of Samuel J. Cabell, endeavouring at a time of real public danger, to disseminate unfounded calumnies against the happy government of the United States, and thereby to separate the people therefrom; and to increase or produce a foreign influence, ruinous to the peace, happiness, and independence of these United States."

The petitioners asked the Assembly to intervene in any federal prosecution of Cabell, in what constitutes an intellectual precursor to the Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions of 1799.

Duplicated entry in Swem, with one number assigned from copy he found transcribed in the house journal (7882) and other from order that Davis print 1000 copies of the protest (7893); entry here uses number assigned to order to print the remonstrance; title above per Swem.

No copy known, so not filmed by the Early American Imprints Series; full text of this petition can be found as "Revised Petition to the Virginia House of Delegates, [7 August–7 September 1797]" in volume 29 of *Papers of Thomas Jefferson* series from Princeton University Press.

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