

Imprint No.: **1798.027**

Short Title: **Election Circular of John Page (1798).**

Author: Page, John (1744-1808)

Title: To the citizens of Accomack, Northampton, Elizabeth-City, Warwick and York. Friends and fellow-citizens, As I had the honor of being twice elected your representative without opposition, when your counties were added to Gloucester and Mathews to compose a new district ... I trust I shall not be charged with arrogance in offering you my services again as your representative ...

Place Issued: Richmond

Issuing Press: Samuel Pleasants

Description: 1 sheet [1 pg.]; 34 cm. x 20 cm. (broadside).

Notes: The Republican Page had served as representative for this eastern Virginia district in the 3rd (1793-94) and 4th (1795-96) Congresses, before losing to a Federalist candidate (Thomas Evans) for reelection to the 5th Congress in 1797 over a perceived pro-French outlook. Here he offered himself as a representative in the 6th Congress (1799-1800), explaining his prior performance as being anti-British rather than pro-French, expecting to ride dissatisfaction with the recent Alien & Sedition back into office; he lost to Evans again in a district including the heavily Federalist Eastern Shore. Page later served two terms a governor (1803-1805).

Sheet lacks printer credit; it is dated "Rosewell, November 16, 1798," so most likely issued in Virginia, rather than Philadelphia (where earlier constituent letters were printed) as Evans attributes this title; given his life-long connection to Jefferson, Page probably used the press of Samuel Pleasants (then both Virginia's primary Republican printer in and a junior member of that party's central coordinating committee in the state capital) to publish this circular.

IVP Associated Names: Samuel Pleasants (331)

Bibliographic Notations

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