

Imprint No.: **1804.065**

Short Title: **Petition concerning Claims of the Indiana Company.**

Author: Inhabitants of Western Virginia Counties.

Title: Petition to the honourable the General Assembly ... inhabitants of the counties of Monongalia, Ohio, Harrison, Randolph and Wood ...

Place Issued: Virginia

Issuing Press: Uncertain

Description: 1 sheet [1 pg.]; 32 cm. x 19 cm. (broadside).

Notes: Petitioners ask the General Assembly to intercede in suits filed in the state's courts against those settlers in the west who held disputed titles to land originally granted to the Indiana Company in the 1760s; the company sought rents and taxes from those lands despite the grant of titles to them by the new Commonwealth after the war; the Assembly declined to act, leaving the matter to Congress (as an issue under the 1783 Treaty of Paris) but voiced support for the embattled settlers.

Sheet lacks colophon; petition was entered into consideration in the House of Delegates on December 6, 1804; at that time, the only press operating west of the Alleghany ridge was that of Joseph Campbell and Forbes Britton in Morgantown; however, contemporary records and modern scholarship indicate that signatures were collected on manuscript petitions, and that this title was a printed cover for those signatures when they were submitted; as it is likely that this sheet was produced somewhere east of the ridge, so the indeterminacy here.

IVP Associated Names:

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Bibliographic Notations

Early American Imprints?	N	Series:	Title No.:
Evans, <i>American Bibliography</i> :	---		Norona/Shetler, <i>West Virginia</i> : ---
Bristol, <i>Supplement to Evans</i> :	---		Swem, <i>Bibliography of Virginia</i> : ---
Shipton/Mooney, <i>Imprints thru 1800</i> :	---		---
Shaw/Shoemaker, <i>Checklist...1801-19</i> :	---		---
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Hummel, <i>Southeastern Broad sides</i> :	3137		Hummel, <i>Virginia Broad sides</i> : ---

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