

Imprint No.: **1806.042**

Short Title: **Prospectus for the Farmer's Museum at Charlestown.**

Author: Fairfax, Ferdinando (1766-1820).

Title: Proposals for publishing in Charles Town, Jefferson County, Va. a weekly paper to be called the Farmer's Museum. Ferdinando Fairfax ... intends ... to assume ... exclusive direction ... as editor ... this paper (of the size of the Richmond enquirer) is to be published every Friday morning, commencing the first week in the year 1807, at three dollars per annum to each subscriber ...

Place Issued: Charlestown

Issuing Press: William Brown

Description: 2 sheets [4 pgs.]; 26 cm. (broadside, printed on first page only).

Notes: Only known copy, held by the Library of Virginia, has manuscript subscriber entries on the second sheet, as well as a personal letter on unprinted second page from Fairfax to "Doctor William Heaton, Loudoun County" dated "Chastown 27th Octo. 1806." Fairfax's plan did not succeed as the *Farmer's Museum* never issued; eventually, he sold the subscriber list for this project to Richard Williams, who commenced publishing the long-lived *Farmer's Repository* in April 1808 in its place.

Sheet lacks colophon; William Brown had opened the town's first press office following the formation of Jefferson County in 1802, when Charlestown became the new county's seat; he was involved in two abortive newspaper ventures there prior to the one proposed by Fairfax in 1806 and would be partner to Williams in the ensuing 1808 effort, indicating the presence of his press as a job-printing concern when this item issued, hence the attribution here.

IVP Associated Names: William Brown (058); Ferdinando Fairfax (160)

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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> :	---		---
Shoemaker, <i>Checklist...1820-29</i> :	---		---
Hummel, <i>Southeastern Broad sides</i> :	0		Hummel, <i>Virginia Broad sides</i> : 0

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