

Imprint No.: **1814.112**

Short Title: **Bill to establish a Public Manufactory in Eastern Virginia.**

Author: Virginia. General Assembly.

Title: Bill for establishing a public manufactory on the Eastern frontier of this Commonwealth.

Place Issued: Richmond

Issuing Press: Deborah W. L. Pleasants

Description: Unrecorded

Notes: No copy known extant; the House ordered 250 copies of this bill printed on October 29, 1814, for the use of the Assembly in its deliberations; the Assembly eventually enacted a law with major revisions to this bill on January 9, 1815. as "An act to authorize the Executive to enlarge the operations of the Public Manufactory of Arms, so as to augment the number of Cannon and Small Arms, to be fabricated there, and to dispose of the augmented number" (Chap, VIII of Acts of October 1814 Assembly).

Long-time public printer, Samuel Pleasants, died six days before this session opened; the Assembly chose to continue employing his press for most of this session, granting his widow, Deborah W. L. Pleasants, her husband's formal title until January 1, 1815; thereafter, Thomas Ritchie, the printer to the Senate, assumed that larger role, with his protégé, Thomas Burling, taking on his old assignment; this division of labor meant that most of the session's printing was completed at the Argus Office, with Ritchie picking up the load with the start of the new year, just three weeks work; still, the daily House journal was issued from the Argus Office for the duration of the Assembly. This work distribution informs the attribution made here.

IVP Associated Names: Deborah W. L. Pleasants (328); Samuel M. Pleasants (332)

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> : 0
Shipton/Mooney, <i>Imprints thru 1800</i> :	---		---
Shaw/Shoemaker, <i>Checklist...1801-19</i> :	0		---
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