

Imprint No.: **1817.074**

Short Title: **Address of Armistead T. Mason to Citizens of Loudoun County.**

Author: Mason, Armistead Thompson (1787-1819).

Title: To the people. Fellow citizens; It was once a high crime, in this county, for a Republican to solicit your suffrages ... I have, for some time past, intended to explain the true meaning and effect of the amendments, which I proposed to a militia bill, in the Senate of the United States during the session before the last, and which have been much misunderstood and more misrepresented. ... Armistead T. Mason. Loudoun County, March 13, 1817.

Place Issued: Leesburg

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Description: 1 sheet [1 pg.]; 44 cm. x 27 cm. (broadside).

Notes: Sheet lacks colophon; in early 1817, Mason was a key Republican patron in establishing the *Genius of Liberty* at Leesburg, so the attribution here to Caldwell, that paper's publisher.

Mason had just removed to Loudoun from Louisa, after having served out the last year of William B. Giles's term in the U.S. Senate; he now intended to run for the seat of Federalist Charles Fenton Mercer in the House of Representatives; this broadside was his attempt to counter reports of his activities published in Patrick McIntyre's *Washingtonian* at Leesburg and John Heiskell's *Winchester Gazette*. Mason lost the ensuing election to Mercer (782-706) amidst charges of vote-rigging in Loudoun County (he won overwhelmingly in adjacent Fairfax and Prince William), that then led to his death in a duel in February 1819 with John Mason McCarty, his brother-in-law and a cousin, who Mason thought had voted illegally for Mercer.

IVP Associated Names: Samuel B.T. Caldwell (074)

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