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Short Title: **Letter from the Revisors of the Laws, December 2, 1817.**

Author: Virginia. Revisors of the Laws.

Title: [Letter from the revisors of the laws]

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Notes: The preceding Assembly had authorized a new compilation of Virginia's laws (Chap. XVII of Acts of the November 1816 Assembly), the first such substantial revision since that of 1792 (with addenda issued in 1803, 1807, and 1812). That act appointed a committee consisting of Spencer Roane, John Coalter, Robert White, William Brockenbrough, and Benjamin Watkins Leigh, to oversee the revisal; they then engaged the legal reporters William Waller Hening and William Munford as their authorities. This letter was a cover for a mandated report to the December 1817 Assembly, with a list of laws that would be included in the revisal; the committee also recommended the Assembly support financially the accelerated publication of Hening's *Statutes at Large* (then stalled at volume 4) by increasing the number of copies subscribed for by the state from 150 to 800; this communication was referred to a House committee that agreed to both the larger number of Hening's *Statutes* and the plan of the revisal that would then create Virginia's first set of codified laws in 1819.

No copy known extant; Thomas Ritchie, the public printer, was ordered on December 2, 1817, to print 250 copies of this message for the use of the Assembly, so the attribution here to the partnership then conducting Ritchie's press.

IVP Associated Names: Thomas Ritchie (360); Daniel Trueheart (420); Philip DuVal (155)

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> : 8944
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