

Imprint No.: **1819.103**

Short Title: **Campaign Letter of John Patterson for Seat in the Senate of Virginia.**

Author: Patterson, John (1761-1824).

Title: Richmond, December 15, 1819. Dear Sir, the Senate has appointed Monday the 27th instant, for the elections ... to supply the vacancy occasioned by the election of Severn E. Parker, Esq. (the late Senator) to a seat in Congress. The candidates ... are Colonel John Lewis, James H. Rey, Esq. and myself ... John Patterson.

Place Issued: Richmond

Issuing Press: Uncertain

Description: 1 sheet [1 pg.]; 26 cm. x 21 cm. (broadside).

Notes: Patterson was a recently-elected delegate from Mathews County, having previously served 23 years as the county-court clerk there; here, just ten days into his first Assembly, Patterson seeks election to the Virginia Senate seat representing Mathews, Middlesex, Northampton, Accomac, and Gloucester Counties, following the election of Severn Eyre Parker (1787-1836) as representative from Virginia's 13th congressional district; Patterson won this election and served out the remainder of Parker's Senate term, until he decided to contend with Burwell Bassett of Williamsburg (1764-1841) for the retiring Parker's congressional seat; after losing by a margin of 2-1, Patterson was returned to the House of Delegates for the 1822, 1823, and 1824 sessions, though he died before taking his seat once again at the 1824 Assembly.

Sheet lacks colophon; given that Patterson was then attending the General Assembly, this item certainly issued there; and given his well-known Federalist perspective, this letter was most likely printed at the *Virginia Patriot* office of Augustine Davis and William Ramsay; still, the possibility that Patterson employed another Richmond press cannot be excluded without further evidence, so the indeterminacy reported here.

IVP Associated Names:

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Bibliographic Notations

Early American Imprints?	N	Series:	Title No.:
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