

Imprint No.: **1819.109**

Short Title: **Virginia Resolutions of 1798.**

Author: Virginia. General Assembly.

Title: [Resolutions on the alien and sedition laws, adopted in the session of 1798; the report of a committee of the house and of the vote of the said house agreeing to said report, on the same subject in the session of 1799].

Place Issued: Richmond

Issuing Press: Thomas Ritchie

Description: Unrecorded

Notes: No copy known extant; Thomas Ritchie, the public printer, was ordered on December 22, 1819, to print 250 copies of these historic resolutions for the use of the Assembly, so the attribution here to the partnership then conducting Ritchie's press.

The order to reprint these resolutions came in the context of an Assembly response to the Supreme Court decision in *McCulloch v. Maryland* case the preceding March; during this session, the Assembly drafted several resolutions in protest of that decision, and of the assertion of powers by the federal government under the "necessary and proper" clause of the Constitution, both of which were seen as blatantly unconstitutional based on the logic behind the 1798 resolutions against the Alien & Sedition Acts.

Ritchie subsequently printed these elements as part of Exposition of the federal constitution (1819.110) with the addition of a series of letters, signed Hampden, published previously in his *Richmond Enquirer*; many copies of that edition survive, but the only indication of the existence of this smaller title comes from the order to print, and the inclusion of the item in a collection of the Assembly's resolutions on this subject (1820.027) that Ritchie was ordered to produce the collection on February 12, 1820, for which he was later paid.

IVP Associated Names: Thomas Ritchie (360); Daniel Trueheart (420); Samuel Cary (085)

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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> :	9184
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> :	---	Hummel, <i>Virginia Broad sides</i> :	---

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