

Imprint No.: **1819.110**

Short Title: **Exposition of the Federal Constitution.**

Author: Roane, Spencer, 1762-1822. comp.

Title: Exposition of the federal Constitution. Contained in the Report of the Committee of the Virginia House of Delegates; to whom were committed the proceedings, of sundry of the other states, in answer to the resolutions of the General Assembly, of the 21st day of December, 1798, commonly called Madison's Report. To which is subjoined a series of papers under the signature of Hampden, (originally published in the *Richmond enquirer* of June, 1819.) Being a critique on the opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of the bank law.

Place Issued: Richmond

Issuing Press: Thomas Ritchie

Description: 90 pgs.; 21 cm. (8vo).

Notes: Title is an outgrowth of an order to Ritchie by the House of Delegates on December 22, 1819, to print 250 copies of the Virginia Resolutions of 1798 (1819.109) as part of the Assembly's deliberations over a response to the Supreme Court decision in *McCulloch v. Maryland* case the preceding March; 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 those resolutions and the Assembly proceedings that followed as part of this title [p. 4-56]. adding three letters, signed Hampden, which were published previously in his *Richmond Enquirer*, to fill out the content here [p. 57-90]; the Library of Virginia has established Spencer Roane, then a justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals, as compiler of the historic elements herein.

Imprint reports Ritchie as publisher; yet he required the partnership then conducting his press to complete the work, so the attributions here. Shaw & Shoemaker reported this item twice, once from the Boston Athenaeum copy (48558), and again from the Library of Virginia copy (49300), which are trimmed and bound differently, so leading to the duplication; both copies were filmed by the Early American Imprints series; both numbers reported here.

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

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#### Bibliographic Notations

Early American Imprints? Y Series: 2 Title No.: 48558/49300

Evans, <i>American Bibliography</i> :	---	Norona/Shetler, <i>West Virginia</i> :	---
Bristol, <i>Supplement to Evans</i> :	---	Swem, <i>Bibliography of Virginia</i> :	7969
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