

Lineage No.: **RICHMOND 11**

Group Title: **Friend of the People**

Variant 01a: The Friend of the People

Publication Data: January 1, 1800 to July 5, 1800 Biweekly

Proprietors: James Lyon

IVP Associates: James Lyon (274)

Notes: Anchor journal in multi-paper venture to support Republican candidates in 1800 elections, esp. Jefferson for presidency; biweekly pace allowed Lyon to edit content for four other papers – including the two noted below – and a monthly political magazine.

This paper was moved to Georgetown, D.C., when Lyon relocated there in summer 1800; last known Richmond issue is that for July 5, 1800. No copies of the Georgetown variant are known extant, though its publication was advertised in Lyon's new *The Cabinet*, which began publication there on August 26, 1800, replicating parallel production seen below.

References: LCCN No. 85-026145; Brigham II: 1140.

Variant 01b: The Press

Publication Data: January 6, 1800 to February 7, 1800 Weekly

Proprietors: Jones, McRae, and Foushee, trustees.

IVP Associates: Meriwether Jones (242), Alexander McRae (299), John H. Foushee (170), James Lyon (274)

Notes: Shareholder-based publication developed by the Republican leadership group in central Virginia; original plan called for publishing thrice-weekly, weekly, and biweekly editions, under management of three trustees (Jones, McRae, and Foushee) from that group; the distribution of those papers was largely gratis, so clearly campaign organs.

Content for all three editions was to be drawn from editor Lyon's *Friend of the People*, his *National Magazine*, and Jones's twice-weekly *Examiner*, then the state's journal-of-record; this weekly edition issued just twice (January 6 & February 7, 1800) before publication was abandoned.

References: LCCN No. 85-026146; Brigham II: 1142.

Variant 01c: The Press or Friend of the People

Publication Data: February 6, 1800 only Biweekly

Proprietors: Jones, McRae, and Foushee, trustees.

IVP Associates: Meriwether Jones (242), Alexander McRae (299), John H. Foushee (170), James Lyon (274)

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Content for all three editions was to be drawn from editor Lyon's *Friend of the People*, his

National Magazine, and Jones's twice-weekly *Examiner*, then the state's journal-of-record; this biweekly issued just once (February 6, 1800) before publication was abandoned.

Most authorities record this as a "country edition" of the weekly variant, but the articles of association published by the project's trustees show that this was one of the three planned editions, so its own paper. The thrice-weekly edition was never issued.

References: LCCN No. 86-071813; Brigham II: 1142.
