

Imprint No.: **1784.021**

Short Title: **Bill to Provide Teachers of Christian Religion.**

Author: Virginia. General Assembly. House of Delegates.

Title: In the House of Delegates, Friday, the 24th of December, 1784 ... a bill establishing a provision for teachers of the Christian religion. ...

Place Issued: Richmond

Issuing Press: Dunlap & Hayes

Description: 1 sheet [2 pgs.]; {broadside, printed recto and verso}.

Notes: Sheet lacks printer credit; Dunlap & Hayes were ordered on December 24th to deliver one dozen copies of this bill to each member of the General Assembly, to allow for an assessment of popular opinion on the subject prior to a final consideration of the bill in November 1785. While some authorities date this title to 1785, it had to be produced shortly after the printing order was issued, with adjournment of the Assembly imminent, so that the legislators could take the printed copies home with them when they did adjourn (January 7th).

Publication of this bill was instigated by James Madison as part of an effort to head off the establishment of the Episcopal Church as a state-supported institution; reaction to this bill led, in part, to passage of Thomas Jefferson's *Statute for Religious Freedom* in January 1786.

IVP Associated Names: John Dunlap (152); James Hayes (207)

Bibliographic Notations

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