Imprint No.: 1808.032

Short Title: Circular concerning the Continuation of Burk's History of Virginia.

Author: Jones, Skelton (1775-1812).

Title: Sir, Having secured the copy right of a book, of which the enclosed is a prospectus, I take the

liberty ... of requesting such information of the events of the period mentioned in the prospectus, as you may, from your public station, have been particularly acquainted with. ...

Place Issued: Richmond
Issuing Press: Uncertain

Description: 1 sheet [1 pg.]; 25 cm. (broadside).

Notes: The completion of the last two volumes of John Daly Burk's five-volume History of Virginia

was interrupted by the author's untimely death in a duel in April 1808; Burk's friends and political allies convinced Jones, brother and heir to the late public printer Meriwether Jones. to finish the project with a single volume; herein, Jones requests information for that volume from those persons who were a part of Virginia's Revolutionary experience, as well as asking their assistance in finding subscribers to finance that fourth and last volume; however, jones also died an early death in October 1812, a result of wounds received in dueling, so leaving it to Louis Hue Girardin to finally complete project in 1816, some eight years after Burk's death.

Only known copy, held by American Antiquarian Society, is addressed in manuscript: "Casar [i.e., Caesar] A. Rodney Esq. Wilmington," son of a signer of the Declaration of Independence from Delaware; the letter had the prospectus Jones issued (1808.031) as an enclosure and carries a second sheet of subscriber signatures.

Sheet lacks colophon; Jones was part of Republican leadership circles in Richmond, meaning this title likely issued from one of the three republican presses there -- Samuel Pleasants, Thomas Ritchie, or Seaton Grantland; hence the indeterminacy here.

IVP Associated Names: Skelton Jones (243)

## **Bibliographic Notations**

Early American Imprints? N Series: Title No.:

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Shipton/Mooney, Imprints thru 1800: --- --- Shaw/Shoemaker, Checklist...1801-19: 0 ---

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