

[Alexandria 1780 6 3, Church 1249P, Record Group 78, The Library of Virginia]

To the Honorable Speaker & Gentlemen of the
House of Deligates

The Petition of John Carlyle Humbly Sheweth that the Warehouse known by the name of Hunting Creek are situated in the Town of Alexandria upon lotts of ground at this time the Property of Mⁿ Sybil West which upon her Demise will descend unto George William Carlyle Your Petitioners Son who is a Minor that Your Petitioner from the great Age of Mⁿ West has for Severale Years had the Sole Management of them.--

That Y^r Petitioner on behalf of those Interested did at the October Session 1778 when the Honorable house had the Inspection Law under Consideration, Represent to them that the Rents of the Warehouses were not Adequate Satisfaction to the Proprietors for the Use of the Ground which they Cou'd by Appropriating it to other uses Render of double the Value it can ever Achieve to while the Warehouse continues upon it That being Situated in a thriving Town it is & may be Surrounded by many buildings which Exposes them greatly to the Danger of Fire against which no Cure Care or Precaution of the Proprietor coud possibly gaurd from which Circumstance the Publick was daily Exposed to a heavey Burthen & Individuals to an Immediate & Possibly Erretrivable Loss. Your Petitioner further Represented that those Inconveniencies might be Redressed by moving the Inspection Either to the Lands of Baldwin Dade above the Town, or the Heirs of John Alexander below the Town, to both which places there were Publick Roads and proper Landings and therefore pray'd that as such a measure woud prove beneficial to the Proprietor of the present warehouse, Relieve the Publick from Continuall Hazard and Serviceable to the person to whose Land the Inspection shou'd be Removed, that the Inspection shou'd not be Continued longer in the Town then proper buildings cou'd be erected at some more Suitable place.

That the Honorable House upon taking the sum into Consideration were of the Opinion that the Situation was very Emproper and Resolved that the Inspection shou'd be continued but three Years longer in the Town as Y^r Petitioner has been informed by severall members of the House, but when the bill came to be framed through the hurry of Business that Circumstance was not attended to, and the Law as it now Stands has made no Provision for the Removal of the Inspection to any other place in a future day.

Your Petitioner therefor prays The Hon^{ble} House to take the same again into their Consideration and make Such Order therein as to them shall appear consistant with the Publick welfare And the Interest of the Individuals who are therein Concerned. An he as in Duty bound shall Pray Ye Ye Ye---

[Reverse]
Carlyles petition
June 3^d 1780
Rejected