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To the Honourable the Speaker &
Gentlemen of the House of Delegates for
The State of Virginia

The humble Petition of
James Kirk sheweth that your Petitioner
having by a variety of Instances experienced
that the self Election of Trustees or Agents
for the several Towns in which your
Petitioner is a Freeholder (to wit in
Alexandria & Leesburg) is productive
of consequences dangerous to Property and
opens a Door for the worst sort of oppress=
=sion. Your Petitioner therefore prays
that this Honourable House will take
under Consideration this Grievance of
the Petitioner & redress the same by
enabling a Law enjoining that the vacan=
=cies of Trustees be supply'd & filled up by
Persons of the free Choice of the Freehold=
=ers of the Town & not by a surviving Family
of Trustees; or by such other Mode as
you in your Wisdom may point
out for the Security & Safety of the Citizens
at large

You will allways have the
Prayers of

Gentlemen

Your ob^t Servant
James Kirk

[Reverse]
Kirk's pet'n
ref^d to propns &c
Oct^r 27 1778
(Reasonable)