

To the Honourable the Speaker and house of representatives of the State of Virginia;

The Petition of the undersigned Citizens respectfully sheweth, that your Petitioners wish that a Law may be enacted for the purpose of establishing a Town on the Lands of John Lord in Prince William County on Broad Run or Branch of the Occoquan river, near John Lord's mill, agreeable to the Plan of a Town herewith presented, and subject to the usual regulations which Towns we may be called Buck's Land

Your Petitioners beg leave to represent to your honorable body that for inland situations will be found better to enjoy the privilege of being established as a Town than Buck's Land.

The ground is high & dry. The situation healthy, and agreeable, within the limits of the place intended to be laid off for a Town in convenient situations are two excellent Springs of Water, & through it runs a river falling Stream; contiguous to it are many quarries of Red and white fire stone, proper for buildings of any description,

Within the limits of the Town are already built upwards of Twenty good Houses which are occupied by Tradersmen & Merchants; Considerable manufactories of grain have been erected, which are more than sufficient supported by an extensive Circle of an extremely fertile Country.

Buck's Land is easy of access on all sides, and altho' from the short time it has been a place of consequence roads have not yet been properly opened, the necessary steps are now taking for that purpose and for opening many more have been obtained and favourable reports made.

Buck's Land lies convenient to one of the best gaps in the lower ridge of mountains, through which the road from a very extensive part of the Country between the lower and blue ridge of mountains must necessarily pass to go either to Dumfries or Alexandria - The road in the straight direction from Ashby's gap to Dumfries will pass through Buck's Land & will be found to be a better road and several miles nearer than the present one.

The road called the Carolina road, leading from Newlands Ferry on Potomac river to Newmans road. Rappahannock is established to pass through Buckland, and is found newer and better than the former one. Buckland is distant from Alexandria along the present road thirty eight miles, which distance will be lessened at least two miles by straightening a small distance of the road, which will be easily effected; from Dumfries it is distant twenty eight miles. From Fredericksburg forty two, from Fauquier Court House twelve from Salem & Reston Town about 14 miles from Middleburg about twelve miles, from Leesburg twenty six, and from Centerville thirteen. From a general view of the Country we do not hesitate to recommend Buckland as a proper place for establishing a town and as possessing singular advantages over any other situation within a considerable distance of it

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