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HAYMARKET ACADEMY

Haymarket  
Academy  
Petition

Decr 5th  
1821

ref'd to School

(Reported unmovable)

Decr 15th 1821

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To the Honorable the General Assembly of Virginia —

The Petition of the undersigned Trustees, and Subscribers,  
to, the Haymarket Academy in the County of Prince William  
respectfully represents —

That sometime in the year . . . a number of Indivi-  
duals, of whom the undersigned are a Majority, associated them-  
selves in the purchase of the Buildings formerly belonging to  
"The District Court of Haymarket, then offered for sale by virtue  
of an act of Assembly passed on the abolition of the District  
Courts — the object of the subscribers to the said association was  
to convert the said Buildings into an Academy, which was  
duly incorporated and accordingly the Deed from the Com-  
missioners of Sale was made to certain persons in Trust  
for the said Academy — In the purchase and repair of the  
Buildings and in changing them from their original destination  
into such as were suited to the purposes of a Literary Institu-  
tion considerable sums of money were expended, and large-  
ly incurred for the reimbursement and payment of  
which the then existing Subscribers, and an ultimate subscrip-  
tion intended to be set on foot, were looked to. But in the  
meantime from various adverse circumstances, it came to be as-  
certained that the Academy would not succeed — Many of the  
original Subscribers failed or refused to pay their contributions, &  
no reasonable hope could be entertained from a New Subscription.  
The Buildings not having been used for the purposes of the  
Academy for 5 or 6 years are rapidly sinking into decay and

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thus are seeking with them the only remaining means of  
paying the debts of the Institution. - Your Petitioners are advised  
that by the failure of the institution, to which the property was  
given, the property itself upon common law principles would re-  
vert to the Donors - But that effect is barred in this case by  
reason of the deed having been made directly by the Com-  
missioners of Sale to the Trustees of the Academy, without the  
interposition of the real purchasers. - It that in fact it had  
~~not been the case~~ the Donors cannot exercise their just  
rights without the aid of your Honorable Body. - That they  
should enjoy their right at this time is eminently proper,  
not only that the debts of the institution may be discharged,  
but because they are advised, that were the property be  
sold, it would be purchased forthwith for the purpose of  
appropriation it to the convenience of Public worship,  
whereas in its present neglected and decaying state it  
must soon fall to ruin -

Wherefore your Petitioners respectfully pray of  
your Honorable Body, that a law may be passed, autho-  
rizing the sale of the aforesaid Buildings, and requiring  
the Commissioners of Sale, to liquidate and discharge from  
the proceeds of the sale, the outstanding debts of the Aca-  
demy - And they will ever pray &c.

C. Stith  
Wm Brooker

L. Tupper  
Brookly  
Ben Hoar

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Washington by Washington  
Gerard Alexander senr

John Linton

G. R. A. Mowse

N.B. All the Trustees beside those whose signatures are  
annexed to the above Petition except two, are dead or re-  
moved out of the State.

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