To the Honorable the Representatives of the Freemen of The Delaware State in General Assembly met.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of Sussex County

Humbly Sheweth

That the sufferings of your Constituents in general thro' the State, and in this County in particular, for several years past, from the Scarcity of Cash, the number of Debts both Public & Private necessarily contracted during the late War and the consequent increase of Taxes, have reduced many of the Good People of this County to the lowest State of Misery and want.

That so far from any prospect of Relief, We find the Evil rapidly increasing, becoming more dreadful in its appearance and more destructive in its effects. — Our property is sold, and many of the Virtuous but Poor inhabitants of the County with large and helpless families, are turned out of Doors by their merciless and unfeeling Creditors, who frequently Purchase their property at a third, fourth or fifth part of its real Value.

Knowing that your Honors were intimately acquainted with our declining and ruinous Circumstances, We have for several Months looked up to our Representatives in Assembly with confidence of Support and Relief — Unwilling to dictate to your Honors; We have for a long time remained in silent expectation; but Necessity has at length emboldened us to Petition and beseech your Honors, in the most pressing and urgent manner, to grant your distressed Constituents the only relief which now remains, and which alone can save the State from Ruin, Anarchy & Destruction

That We allude to the Emission of a Paper Currency must evidently appear to Your Honors — We trust to an Assembly of your Wisdom and Integrity it will be unnecessary to point out the particular Mode of Emitting it — We suppose, with deference to the Judgment of our Worthy Representatives, that the usual method by Loan will appear both convenient and practicable.

Resting therefore in a firm Reliance that your Honors will grant the above mentioned or some other Relief, We trust and

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Hope We shall soon have a Restoration of Peace, Happiness and Prosperity to the Good People over whom you Preside.

And Your Petitioners as in duty bound will Pray

Peter F. Wright
Abner Lamb
Thomas Robinson
Walter Hudson
John Saynter
W. Harrison
Robert Prettyman
Joshua Burton
Anderson Parker
Thomas M'ham
John Collings
Joseph Coutter Junr.
Thos. Coutter
William Fitchett
William Walls
Nathaniel Hickman
Stephen Coster
Wm. Cantt
Leonard M'Flain
Peery Prettyman
William Cox
Adam Hall
Charles Oliver
Jonathan [illegible]
Danl. Murphey
John Hill
William Edwards
Lis. Pullet

David Mason
Moses Allen
John Mawll
William Coleman
William Mathews
Samuel Walls
Thomas Walls
John Warrington
Jos. Miller
Robert Thankland
Samuel Thompson
Uriah Hazard
William Arnel
Phillips Kollock
Isaac Turner
William Edenfield
Samuel Betts
H. Wharton
Wm. Lockwood
William Powell
Stephen Styer
Nathaniel West
Brittingham Hill
Matthias Aydelott
Isaac West
Sanders Roberts
Leavin Clark
Elihu Bredell

Jacob Rogers
Jos. Wilegs
Thos. Robinson
Elisha Richards
Tegthro Robinson
Collings Truitt
Andrew Collings Truitt
Azariah Brookfield
Nehemiah Howard
Levin Hill
Samuel Long
Amos Rogers
Jacob Burton
John Watts
William Salmon
Wm. Powders
John Tingle
John Collins
William Tingle
Abraham Jacobs
Littleton Townsend
Noah Collins
John Evans
Thomas Wilkins
Benja. Holland
Thomas Harney
Levin Price
~~Isaac West~~
Levin Aydelott

George Derickson
~~Azariah Brookfield~~
Riley Aki
William Roberts
Thomas Dazey of Thos.
William Aki
Jos. Ligget
Moses Dazey
Wm. Massey
Joseph Whorton

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