

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State
of Delaware in General Assembly met

The Petition of John B. Newman, John Hemphill, Nathan
Punker, Jacob Clements, and Thomas Fisher respectfully
sheweth

That your Petitioners have purchased the estate
formerly belonging to Joshua and Thomas Gilpin situate on
Brandywine Creek in the County of New Castle and State
of Delaware, at present occupied for the manufacture of Paper

That there is a great and valuable water power
belonging to the estate the greater part of which is entirely
unemployed which it is their wish should be brought
into full operation for the manufacture of wool, cotton,
iron, paper, flax and other materials as may promise
them a fair remuneration. That such manufactures
will require a large capital, as well for the erection of
the necessary buildings, as to furnish the means to carry
them on - and more than can be conveniently furnished
for that purpose by the owners of the real estate

Your petitioners believe that the contemplated
establishments are too large for individual enterprise
and too liable to be interrupted by casualties in individ-
ual tenure to promise permanent advantage either
to the owners or to the public

Your petitioners therefore are induc-
ed to apply to your honorable houses for an act of
incorporation which they believe will render their
establishments permanent and invite such additional
capital as may be required to carry into full effect the employ-
ment of the water power for the purposes before mentioned

Your Petitioners do not deem it necessary to re-
capitulate the many advantages to be derived by the public
from establishments of this nature as well in the employ-
ment of labour as in the consumption of agricultural
products and the continuing expenditure of a large
proportion of the value of the manufactured goods as
often as they are brought to market to the manifest
increase of the wealth and resources of the State because
your honorable houses have been pleased to sanction
the principle by the acts of incorporation heretofore granted

Your Petitioners therefore pray for leave to bring
in a bill to incorporate a company to take upon them-
selves the ownership, charge and management of the
said estate and manufactories to be thereon erected in
the nature of a stock so that they may be preserved entire
and extended for the promotion of the general welfare and
of the interest of those who may choose to invest their capital
therein.

all which is most respectfully submitted

Wm Newman

John Scuphille

Stunker

Jacob B. Clement by
his atty Wm Newman

Thomas Fisher

Petition of sundry persons
for an act of incorporation
for a manufacturing estab-
lishment on the Beaudryne

In Senate

Jan 17. 1839 Resented & read