

To the Honourable Senate and House of Representatives
of the State of Delaware in general assembly met
The memorial of John B Newman, John Humphe
Nathan Bunker and Jacob B Clement

Respectfully sheweth

That your memorialists
are the owners of the Estate late of Joshua and Thomas Gilpin
on both sides of the Brandywine Creek in the County of
New Castle in which they have already invested a very large
sum of money, but by no means adequate to the full employ-
ment of its great water power and other natural advantages
the greatest part of which remain at this time entirely unoccupied

Your memorialists have reason to believe that the public
good as well as their own might be promoted by the
extension of the capital stock to an amount sufficient
to develop the resources of the Estate and that the same
could be effected by the association of others upon principles
securing an efficient government of the concerns of the whole,
essential to a vigorous prosecution of them, and protecting
and defending by law the rights and privileges of all

Your memorialists long since perceived that they could
not open to strangers an interest in their concerns without
subjecting their operations to embarrassment if not to total
obstruction, unless by the aid of a Charter securing a just and
equal government of their concerns and therefore applied
at your Session in 1829 for such a Charter which was
granted on the condition of acceptance within a limited
time by your memorialists and Thomas Fisher then
associated with them in interest -

That the said Charter not being accepted within the
time prescribed a supplement was passed at your Session
in January 1830 repealing the last clause of the 6th section
of the original act and extending the term of acceptance
to two years from the date of the supplement

That since the expiration of the said term during which
the said Charter was not accepted, your memorialists have
purchased from the said Thomas Fisher all his right
title and interest in the premises and now remain the sole
owners thereof and being unanimously desirous of obtaining
a charter similar to that which was offered to them and to
the said Thomas Fisher by the said supplement, conforming
the same to the change made by their said purchase
of his interest, they respectfully solicit the grant of
such a Charter - and your memorialists ^{are} duty bound will
ever pray -

Philadelphia Jan^r 30. 1835 -

M. Newmann

John Penphree

W. P. Parker

J. P. Clement

Enclosed is copy of amendment to your legislation for a charter. The Bill
in conformity thereto together with ~~the~~ another copy of the memorial
to be presented to the Senate is enclosed under favor to Thos Gilpin who
expects to meet it at Dover next 2^d day, he is now in New York &
should any accident prevent his arrival at Dover. May I beg the
favor of you to take the letter directed ~~for~~ him from the Post office
open it present the same for the cession of both Hours, & the expense
of postage & all other charges will be immediately (in every way
there may direct me to perform the same) transmitted. Not having
who has this before the Honors of filling the speakers chair. I enclose this
by the title of office Phi: 11mo 20 1835 — very respy Wm Ellerker

Petition⁶³
Messrs John Thompson
W. Bunker, S. B. Clem-
ent and J. B. Newman
H. Reps Feb 3rd 1835
Presented Read
and referred to
Committee.

James
Davis
Lodge

Repd Feb 5th
in Senate.
Presented & read.
Feb 6th.

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