

To the honorable the speakers and joint. of both houses of Assembly, the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Staunton and its Neighbourage respectfully sheweth
 That your petitioners are anxious to erect buildings for the use of the Staunton Academy; To convey in pipes water from a neighboring spring to the different parts of the town; and to complete the building of a church begun in this place - That your petitioners finding themselves unable to raise by private contributions a sufficient sum for these public purposes, take the liberty of applying to your honorable body to pass a law authorizing them to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars by lottery for the purposes aforesaid. That is to say three thousand dollars for the erection of buildings for the Academy, two thousand dollars for the purpose of watering the town by pipes; and one thousand dollars for completing the church, and the residue to be expended in the purchase of a library Philosophical apparatus &c under the direction of the Trustees of the Staunton Academy Your petitioners are well aware that this mode of raising money, perhaps from being frequently resorted to, or tending to encourage a spirit of adventure proceeding from unworthy motives, hath to many become objectionable; but your petitioners presume if a resort to it can be justified for the purpose. The objects of this petition have equal claim to legislative favour The prayer therefore of your petitioners is that you will take into consideration their application and grant the same or so much thereof as to your honorable body shall be considered expedient and proper and your petitioners are in duty bound will pray &c

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