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To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate of South Carolina

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Richland County residing near the County Line between Richland & Fairfield County Sheweth

That by the Laws of this State for establishing County Courts & by the actual Survey made by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, the respective lines of the County of Richland (of which was the dividing line between Richland & Fairfield County) "run from a place called Round Top to the Mouth of Little River in a direct Course" may marked out as the Boundary between the said County

That it has ever since been held & esteemed the legal Line & Boundary by the Sheriffs of the said County and also by the Commissioners appointed for dividing the County of Richland into Battalions & Companies agreeable to the Militia Law. And the Inhabitants who live below the said Line have always paid Taxes to the Collector for Richland County & have done their duty as Jurors and Militia Men in the said County Your Petitioners further State That they are informed that a Law was passed some years ago for altering & limiting several Counties in order to establish Fairfield County; That the Eastern Boundary of the County of Richland was altered to allow a portion of it to be taken off to the County of Fairfield Your Petitioners never heard or understood that any other alteration was intended to be made Nevertheless a Clause was inserted that Land by which the Boundary line between Fairfield and Richland was made to run from the Round Top to the Mouth of Cedar Creek which is several Miles below Little River Your Petitioners further State that such an alteration could never have been intended by the Legislature as by the Members of the respective Counties above mentioned. of the County of Richland there would not be more than one third as Inhabitants and not much more than half of the Estate of Fairfield County

Your Petitioners beg leave to submit to your Honorable Body the propriety of inserting a Clause as the one above stated as it gives a large Slice of Territory to Fairfield (already the largest County in the District) at the expence and to the Diminution of Richland (one of the smallest in the District) more especially as the Regiment of Richland would not be more than compleat without any loss of Territory and the very Nucleus of the Laws The Inhabitants between the old Line & the said Projected Line are anxious and wish to be considered as The Inhabitants of Richland County

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c. —

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Benjamin Hunter
Lewis Coon
Andrew Landers
Johnes Simmons
Adam Coon
William Mchenney
Christian Fortminger
Col. Duke
George Smith
John Willis
Isaac Landers
Allen Hunter
James Phillips
Charles Phillips
John Walker

James Wilson
Archabald Truman
Robt Patton
Jasper Faust
Alex. Ewart
Phil. H. Wade
R. H. Wells
James Halliday
Sen Jasper Yeast
George Smith
Burrell Faust
Ch Evans
Goodmond Hughes
Ulrick Stizard

Samuel Lowell
John Pitts
Jasper Yeast
William Miles
Thomas Miles
Lewis Perry
Littleton Chappell
William Hogan
Moses Duke
Jesse Perry
John Wilson
Lamuel Perry
Jacob Perry
Moses Saunders
Robert Prince Sen
Jacob Moak
Andrew Dennis

Petition

of the Inhabitants of Richland County, residing between Richland & Fairfield Counties

1826 "

Dear Sir, Committee

Col. Brown

Capt. Chenault

Col. Love