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Inhabitants Of Richland County, Petition Asking That The Original Boundaries Of Richland County May Once More Be Established, And The Courthouse For The County Be Permanently Fixed At The Plantation Of William Meyer. (4 Pages; Oversize)

People:

Meyer, William

Places:

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to the Honorable David Ramsay, Esquire President
and the rest of the Members of the Honorable the Senate in the
State of South Carolina.

The Memorial of the Subscriber an Inhabitant of the
City of Charleston in the said State,
Sheweth

That on the twenty second day of March one thousand seven hundred and
Eighty Five, the Legislature, by an Act entitled "An Act for keeping in repair the
"several high Roads and Bridges throughout this State, and for laying out the
"several new Roads and Bridges therein mentioned" did among other things therein men-
tioned, vest the City Council of Charleston with the necessary power and authority, for
continuing East Bay Street from its then termination, to the extremity of which Point
in a direction most advantageous to the public, and convenient to the proprietors of
the lands adjoining. And for paying the Expenses of the same, the City Council were
thoroughly authorized and empowered to assess and levy on the owners of lands in Charleston
in the following proportion viz: the proprietors of Lands adjoining should pay in a
Twenty fold proportion, and the proprietors of lands on the East side of Meeting Street
as far as Lightwood Alley, and the proprietors of lands on the East side of Church
Street as far as Long's Bridge in an eight fold proportion more than the owners
of other lands in Charleston. And that the sum to be assessed on each lot in
Charleston, should be adjusted on these principles, according to the value of the same
as should be rated by the Assessors for the said year. That by virtue of that Act
Commissioners were appointed by the City Council with full powers to purchase Materi-
als and employ workmen for completing the said Street.

Your Memorialist further sheweth, that the Commissioners so appointed, purchased
a considerable quantity of Materials and engaged Workmen and Labourers of
various kinds for the purposes aforesaid and under the Faith of the said Act.
That when the Work was far advanced, they found a want of Money and Credit
were obliged to leave it in an unfinished state.

That Your Memorialist called on the Citizens of Charleston to pay a Tax of Four
thousand seven hundred and thirty five Pounds thirteen shillings and six pence
which is necessary to the paying the Workmen and discharging the Debts against
the Commissioners for Materials purchased. That the Citizens of Charleston refused to
pay the said sum (in addition to their General and City Tax), saying as the Work
was of public utility, it ought to be borne by the State. Your Memorialist begs
leave to submit to your Honorable Body the Justice of compelling the Inhabitants
of Charleston alone, to pay a Debt contracted under the Legislature Faith of the
State: a Debt, in which the Inhabitants of the City, may with propriety be said
not to be generally interested; as it was thought to be equitable that the public Lands
or those who had purchased them from the public, should be burdened by such a
Debt; and as the amount Sales of the public Lands contiguous to the intended
Street, were paid into the State Treasury, your Memorialist trusts the same will
be considered as the natural Fund from which the Workmen and those who
Furnished

furnished Materials should be paid. That the Labourer is worthy of his Hire is a Maxim so generally known and ascribed to, that your Memorialist trusts, it is only necessary that the Facts above mentioned should be laid before your Honorable Body, in order to do justice to the immediate sufferers, and relieve those who would be greatly injured by being obliged to pay a Fee for work in which they were not particularly or materially interested.

Your Memorialist therefore humbly hopes that such relief will be extended towards the Widows of Charleston, as your Honorable Body may think they justly merit.

E. North.

Memorial.
To the Senate.

Memorial
of Edward North,

Committee
Col. Vandenhorn
Col. Gevaer
W. Stevens

15 Jan. 1791