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**Accession number**

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**Language**

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**Physical Characteristics**

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**Physical Location**

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**Repository**

Library of Virginia

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

There are no restrictions.

**Use Restrictions**

Use microfilm (Legislative Petitions, Reel 25).

**Acquisition Information**

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## Biographical/Historical Information

Petitions to the General Assembly were the primary catalyst for legislation in the Commonwealth from 1776 until 1865. Public improvements, military claims, divorce, manumission of slaves, division of counties, incorporation of towns, religious freedom, and taxation were just some of the concerns expressed in these petitions. The petitions often contain hundreds of signatures and are a useful tool in genealogical research. Frequently, the petitions contain supplementary support documents useful in research including maps, wills, naturalizations, deeds, resolutions, affidavits, judgments, and other items.

## Scope and Content Information

Legislative petition of Martha A. and William D. Bishop of Botetourt County who were executors of the will of William C. Dobson. They ask for an act declaring null and void the clause in his will freeing his slaves and removing them to some free state. Includes copy of will.

## Arrangement

Legislative Petition collection is arranged alphabetically by locality, and chronologically thereunder.