

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Tennessee

The Petition of Alexander Hamilton of Montgomery
County and the town of Clarksville respectfully represent, that there
are two impediments to the navigation of Cumberland River at low
water, one at Sand Island and the other near Dover. The obstruction
consists of sand bars. Now by having them removed, you have the river
free and safe for small boats during almost the whole year, as high up to the
interior, as the foot of the Harpeth should. It is computed that the com-
merce would be in considerable and the advantages great to the nation
and ^{some of the} southern part of the State. It is well known that Cumberland is
the most important stream in West Tennessee. ~~It is~~ the usual
commercial interest on this topic, a rather important concern has sprung
up resulting from the great improvements of the age. From the great estab-
lishments of Foundaries of Iron Works below the mouth of Harpeth on the
Southern branch of its border, to go by steam, that this part of the river is
becoming daily more & more in demand, and of special advantage, it being the
great out-let to the Ohio River. Your petitioners deems it of much
moment to give every encouragement to these great Manufactories which
are shortly to produce so much wealth & industry to the Country. They will,
however, abstain from all arguments in favour of the improvement of the great
high way for the Citizens of West Tennessee, it being so apparent their rep-
-tation could add no thing new or convincing to the mind of the enlighten-
-ed body. We would merely observe, that we should be delighted,
to have all the obstructions removed as high as steam boat navigation
can possibly be effected or desired.

This subject is therefore most respectfully committed
to the consideration of the Legislature, hoping that in their wisdom they will
authorize a small appropriation for the purposes above stated.

Clarksville
October 15/1831

John H. Poirer

Wm. Mitchell

Robert L. Phillips
W. A. Drake

Wm. H. Marell
Wm. Marshall

John D. Branch

Samuel H. Jones
H. S. Chamell

Chas. Minor

D. J. [unclear]

W. F. Peaymont
Matthew [unclear]

E. L. [unclear]

Committee of
[unclear]
of [unclear]

John Ferguson
Ray Harrison

J. A. [unclear]

William A. [unclear]

Jos. A. [unclear]

Wm. G. W. [unclear]

David Barrup
John J. [unclear]

House of Rept. 2^d Nov.
1831. Read & ordered
to be sent to Senate.

W B Reynolds
 J. T. Rice
 Nancy Dick
 Saml. Isaac
 J. Williams
 T. Hill
 G. H. Hester
 James Haring
 with sons
~~W. H. Hester~~
 Matthew D. Simmons
 R. B. Dudley
~~James H. Hester~~
 Chad. Minor
 M. Williams
 A. A. Conwell
 Thos. Lambert
 James Brown
 Ransom Dick
 John A. Hester
 W. C. Weston

Joseph D. Danson
 J. Grant
 Geo. Patton
 J. H. Hester
 R. D. Bowling
 W. H. Barney
 W. C. Dady
 George C. Boyd
 H. S. Knill
 M. A. Warner
 R. Dady
 W. B. Johnson
 R. H. Allen
 Vol. Allen
 Wm. Turner
 J. Williams
 Matthew Rogers
 J. M. Rogers
 B. L. Organs
 Wm. Hester
 Peter L. Blum

Saml. J. Moody
C. H. [unclear]

Warrant Book

Omit in [unclear]
George J. [unclear]
J. [unclear]

Wm. Williams

Leitchman [unclear]
H. B. Perkins

Edmund [unclear]
Rollinson

N. G. Berryman

P. H. Partridge

W. L. Barker

W. L. Barker

A. J. [unclear]

John [unclear]

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C. Crumman

R. A. Horn

R. M. Saltsrith

Joseph H. Smith

M. G. Holson

H. Hannum

Wm. E. Martin

Amos Hatcher

Robert Davis

James B. Wether

John J. Smith

James M. Cannon

Jo. Neasons

John Allen

Joseph Carrison

Allen Moody

John A. Brown

Dennis Daugherty

Ho. N. Buff

Rob. Wood

James Wilson

E. Collins

Sam. Mayo

John Rook

Ab. M. Gordon

William Rook

Samuel Smith

John Carrison

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John Sanders

5
Fred. W. Coe Pitt

David Robman
Long

Thos Bridges

John King

Elias Simpson

M. L. Vance

Lewis McKing

3
M. P. Brown

Leabann Woodledge

Wm. Atwood

Anti Lewis