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The Remonstrance and
petition of — The freeholders of the
Town of Cortlandt in the County of West
chester —

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SHR
That in pursuance of
a law of the State the two houses of
the Legislature did at their last
session appoint a joint committee
of both houses to canvass and
estimate the votes, for Governor, Lieut.
Governor and Senators, which should
be returned according to law into the
Secretarys office.

That in consequence of such ap-
pointment the said joint committee
(one excepted) did meet, take the
oath required ~~by law~~, and proceed
to canvass and estimate the votes
returned into the Secretarys office.

That in the progress of the
business a number of questions arose
and were decided by the Committee
in regard to the legality of the returns
from several towns and counties
that the committee were vested with
^{full} power to decide all questions that
should arise in the execution of the
trust reposed in them, and that
a decision of the majority of them
is binding and conclusive —

That in the exercise of this power
the said committee rejected the votes
of a number of towns and several
counties, because they were not
returned as the law directs.

That notwithstanding, a
number of factious persons in
~~the~~ different parts of the State have
used all their influence to excite
uneasiness and discontent among
the citizens thereof, and have been
secretly circulating petitions and
procuring signatures to them ten-
ding to create an opinion that
the citizens of the State are gener-
ally dissatisfied with ^{the} decision of the
Jury as it regards the four
ties of Tioga, Clinton, and Otsego

That your petitioners are
fully impressed with the idea
that the best security for liberty
is obedience to the laws. That the
decision of the Committee of Jurors
is conformable to law and such as
they were bound by their oaths
to make. That every good citizen
ought cheerfully to submit to their
determination, and that for the
legislature to attempt to reverse

it, would be to assume judicial
powers not committed to them
and would tend to disturb the
peace and destroy the happiness
of the State.

Your petitioners therefore
pray that your honorable
body will dismiss the petitions
presented to you praying
redress against the Spinson of
the Juries, and that the
law may be supported and
the decisions of the Juries
left to have their operation.

James Stanley * William A. Dyckman
David Forman SHR. Henry Mathew
Elisha Hammond Joseph Eldridge
John Paulding William Lent
John Lent Willm. Lent 2d
Abraham Brown Isaac Eldridge
Joseph Fawcett John Lent
Stephen Marks Abraham Lent
Peter Drake Phillipe Arnold
10. Abraham Travis Henry Lent
Dan Birdsell Harcus Lent
Seth Hawk Abraham Pajell
Saml. M. Drake Jarvis Duane
John Briggs James Forsyth
John Bull

30 And in Letter
 H Adams
 John C Bryson
 Hercules Hunt
 John Ferris
 Isaac Lint
 Dan. Hall
 William Drake
 Joshua Drake
 Richard Curry
 40 Thomas Chubb
 Smith Jones
 Joseph Mead
 Hendrick Hunt
 James Mandeville

William Baker
 Benjamin Taylor
 Isaac Cole
 John Stevens
 Abraham Dobson
 56 John Barrett

John D. B. Jones
 John Lee
 Benj^m Drake
 Thos. Clarke
 John Jones
 John Leno
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 A Remonstrance & Petition
 of David Stanley and others
 someholders of the Town of
 Portland in New Hampshire
 County.
 Praying that the Legislature
 will disavow the petition praying
 redress against the opinion of the
 canvassers, that the same may be
 supported, and the decision of the
 canvassers left to their full
 operation.
 In Assembly Dec^r 13. 1792.
 Read and committed to a
 Committee of the whole House

John Randall
 Captain of Andros