

Petition, NC, Halifax, SC, York, Cadwallader Jones 1817

To the Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives now met & sitting in general assembly.

The humble petition of **CADWALLADER JONES**.

Sheweth:

That your petitioner is now a resident of Halifax County, North Carolina.

That your petitioner intending to remove and settle in the State of South Carolina made purchase in September 1816 of several valuable tracts of land in York District, containing together upwards of six hundred acres, and has paid more than five thousand dollars of the purchase money thereof.

That your petitioner wishes to bring his negro slaves into the state but is prohibited by the act prohibiting the introduction of slaves passed in December 1816.

That all the slaves of your petitioner with scarcely an exception were acquired by decent or marriage many years ago.

That his nearest relations and friends are settled in South Carolina, and that it has long been his known wish & expressed intention to remove to this state and settle among them.

That this intention is evidenced by the purchase of lands above mentioned, some time before the passing of the act.

Your petitioner further states that he possesses landed estate in Halifax County, North Carolina, to the amount of five and twenty thousand dollars or thereabouts.

That he has been for some time in treaty to sell the same, and in the event of his settling in South Carolina, he will be anxious to convert a small part of the proceeds thereof into negro property.

Your petitioner trusts that a jealous policy will not prevent a bona fide emigrant from bringing his property into the state in whatever shape may best answer his views.

The speculations of slave dealers are equally abhorrent to the principles and feelings of your petitioner, and he trusts that the case he presents cannot appear to have anything in common with them.

The Negroes he proposes to bringing into the state are intended exclusively for his own use, they are for the most part family Negroes and he has not the remotest idea of disposing of one of them.

Your petitioner is prepared to move in substance all the material facts above alleged, and humbly prays that he may have such relief in the premises as to this Honorable House may seem fit.

And your petitioner will pray & c.

CADWALLADER JONES

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ROBERTSON

The petition of
CADWALLADER JONES

Praying permission to bring
certain slaves into this state.

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State of South Carolina
Chester District

This day personally appeared before me, **THOMAS HALE, FREDRICK L. G. PRIDE, HYDER A. DAVIE** who being duly sworn made oath that in the month of September eighteen hundred and sixteen **CADWALLADER JONES** of Halifax County and state of North Carolina purchased two plantations in the district of York and in this State, and they firmly believe, with the intention of settling and cultivation the said lands and also of becoming a citizen resident of the state.

THOMAS HALE
FREDRICK L. G. PRIDE
HYDER A. DAVIE

Sworn to before me this day November 24, 1817

DAVID PATTON JP

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