

**[Fairfax 1776 10 31, Church 182P, Record Group 78, The Library of Virginia]**

To the honorable the President & Gentlemen of the Convention of Virginia

The Petition of David Davis of the County of Fairfax humbly sheweth That the Petitioner is desirous of going into a linen & woolen manufactory if he can be enables & incouraged; his proposals are to borrow five hundred pounds from the state to be repaid in five years. As a Security for the above sum he will mortgage a tract of land for which he has been offered nine hundred pounds, & which will be increased in value by the necessary improvements requisite for prosecuting this Scheme, as with this money he proposes erecting a proper building & imploying five loomes with as many wheels as will furnish thread & yarn. The Petitioner therefore Humbly hopes the honorable house will incourage a scheme so likely to be productive of public good.

David Davis

[Reverse]

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Oct: 31

Ref<sup>d</sup> to Prop<sup>s</sup>

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