

## Transcription of a Petition to a Masonic Lodge

“To the Rt. Wor. Master, Wardens, and other the Members of  
The Right Worshipful Lodge of Antient Free & Accepted Masons now sitting at Stockbridge

The Petition of we the Subscribers being sensibly  
Convinced by the regular and orderly behaviour of those  
Gentlemen called Free Masons That Masonary is of real  
Benefit to Mankind in general, but more especially to those  
Who are Members of that Honorable Society. We therefore  
Pray to be admitted to partake of the Benefits & Priviledges  
to which the Members of that Society are intitled.

And your Petitioners are in Duty bound Shall ever pray”

Stockbrige, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1777

Peter Porter  
John Caleeb  
John Bull  
Silas Bingham