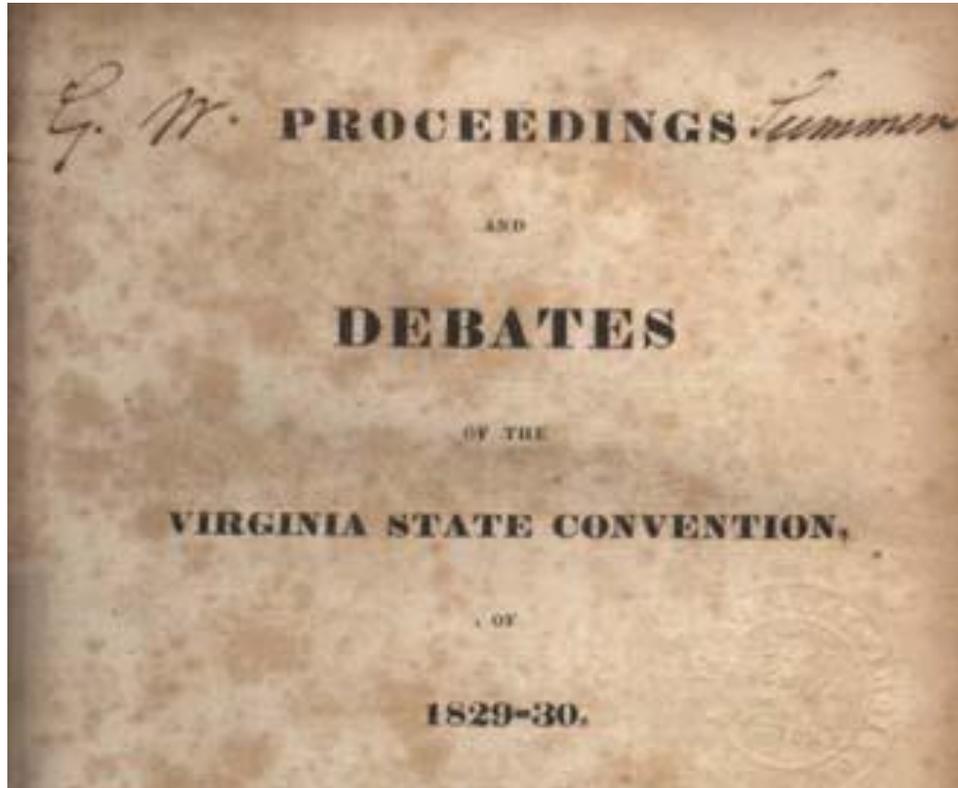


### ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY OCTOBER 5



The second Virginia constitutional convention opened in Richmond on October 5, 1829.

**CSO: SS.8.2, SS.8.21, SS.8.22, ELA.8.1**

**Investigate the Document: (Ms79-1.23-162)**

1. The letter suggest that the people would be satisfied if the representation in the Lower House was based on \_\_\_\_\_ and the Senate on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. N.B. Madera states in his letter that the majority of the county was against him (Charles S. Morgan) based on *what*?

**Think Critically:** As the population continued to rise in western Virginia, it became obvious that the original 1776 state constitution needed to be revised. Can you infer from the letter, what was the western counties chief grievance? Why would the western counties not want slaves counted for representation? Does this strife between eastern and western Virginia at the 1829-1830 Virginia Constitutional Convention foreshadow the state's future?

Morgantown 19<sup>th</sup> June 1829

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Dear Sir I do not think there are 50 men in this district - that would wish to have a Constitution submitted to them based in any part upon Slaves - I believe the People would be satisfied - Providing you could do no better - to have the Lower House based on white population - and the Senate on federal members but if it should be otherwise it will be rejected in Mass - I am sorry to inform you there is a Majority in the County is against you on account of your Vote for Electing the Governor - we have had a great Revival in this place last week - the Methodist is playing hop - there are about 30 that bind Meeting - we will place Nathan Goff July Wilson two of the Lawrys Wm & Henry Thomas Massie - Old Mr Moss - Missi Watts and I expect there will get Agnes Wilson two of Mr Griffy's family Dr O'helly and wife Old Mrs Massie - and a number of others - I understand the say they will not stop till all Morgantown shall be Christians - I say success to them I think the only way to appease your friends to send them a Good many Newspapers I thought that Em Wilson had something in view by sending so many papers all over the County

Respectfully Yours  
M B Madue