To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of N Carolina

The Memorial of Mary Barbara Cabe formerly Mary Barbara Smith Humbly Represents to your Honorable Body, That on the 20th day of May 1832 Your Memorialist unfortunately intermarried with a Certain Joseph Cabe a Near Neighbour to the father of your Memorialist — That so it unfortunately was that in a Very short time the said Joseph became Very Turbulent, and disorderly to your Memorialist, and have constantly treated your Memorialist with the utmost Contempt, and every way degrading to the feeling of an affectionate Wife, And not even affording the common Comforts of life necessary from a Husband to a wife, But would constantly be carrying in the View of your Memorialist his Paramore a young woman, then and still living in a part of the same house with his Widowed Mother — Matters remained in this situation for something like Eight Months when a proposal from the said Joseph for a seperation was made by the said Joseph after a refusual to sleep with your Memorialist, and finding that there were No Prospects of any Change in the conduct of the said Joseph, your Memorialist therefore Concluded to return her Fathers house which was but about two Miles, still hoping for a friendly reconciliation, But so it is that no Prospects as yet appears but the utmost contempt still continues, and a refusual to speak to your Memorialist when I make opportunities of seeing him or when we accidentally meet — I therefore pray your Hon. Body to pass a Law dissolving the rights of Matrimony between the said Joseph and your Memorialist

and your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Mary B Cabe