To the Honorable, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina.

The memorial of Harriet Lafayre of the County of New Hanover, humbly complaining, sheweth unto your honorable body, that your memorialist was married to a certain Bernard Lafayre late of the Island Hispaniola in the year of 1795 that her friends more prudent than herself caused to be secured to her the much greater part of her little property by a marriage settlement bearing date the day of May, 1795.

That not many weeks had elapsed, subsequent to their union when your Memorialist discovered to her infinite mortification that her property, trifling as it was had been the primary object of his warmest affection

That he would urge in the most pressing manner, for her consent to sell the negroes secured to her by said settlement upon her refusal he would flee in to the most violent paroxysms of rage, and abuse her in the most virulent language the vulgarity of his mind could possibly suggest in language too gross and indecent to be repeated

Your Memorialist at length wearied out by his reiterated importunities intimidated, by his threats and fondly, hoping that a compliance with his wishes, might purchase