extreme vexation ~~mortification~~ to see wantonly lavished on his black and mulatto mistresses. The natural temper of the said Bernard Lasprypie is hourly capricious and by men, ordering every person to his the power of commanding wretched and unhappy — Your Memorialist has while subject to his authority suffered the most degrading and humiliating treatment abused in the dirtiest language such as a welbred man would blush to apply to the worst of servants actually threatened with manual chastisement and frequently ordered to leave his House — That the said Bernard Lasprypie in violation of every law human or divine and setting publick opinion at defiance has lived for a long time in the Town of Wilmington in open adultery with a Negro wench taken her into his House and permitting her to exercise all the rights and authorities of a Wife — The atrocity of his character has been recently developed by his absconding and bearing off the greatest part, and the most valuable of her Negroes

Your Memorialist no longer capable of enduring such accumulated wrongs in hourly expectation of violence to her person and seriously apprehensive of an attempt upon her life she left his House, with a fixed and immutable determination never