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

The Petition of Mary Murden of the County of Camden and State aforesd. Humbly sheweth, that her husband Robert Murden has been deranged for nearly thirteen years and not capable or qualified to attend to any kind of business and that your Petitioner has been seperate and apart from her said Husband nearly five years —

Your Petitioner further sheweth, that previous to the derangement of her Husband, he was intemperate dissipated, and extravagant in the highest degree, and that he spent and squandered away the whole of his estate, both real & personal, all of which has been sold by execution or otherwise, to pay his debts —

Your Petitioner further sheweth, that since she has been seperate and apart from her said husband through her own industry and perseverance she has acquired some small property which has been subjected, to the payment of her S. Husbands Debts,

Your Petitioner further sheweth that she has three small children to support by her own industry &c — under these considerations your Petitioner Humbly prays, that your Honorable body will take her case into mature consideration — And enact a Law, securing to your Petitioner whatever property she may hereafter acquire, and as in duty bound your Petitioner will ever pray —

Camden County Novemr. 2. day 1816

Mary Murden