State of North Carolina } November Sessions
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To the Honorable the General Assembly for the State of North Carolina now sitting.

Your petitioner Thomas Johnson of the county & State aforesaid humbly shews that he is the true & only proprietor of a certain mulatto girl by the name of Chace aged about twenty years; and of her two mulatto children by the names of Clara & William (the first about four years of age & the latter about six months.

He further shews that he most sincerely thinks & judges it his indispensable duty to emancipate said slaves: and he further shews that he is informed and believes that he can't do the same, nor cause it to be done legally & regularly (as far at least as respects the said Clara & William) without the interference of your Honorable Body. He therefore most humbly prays of your most honorable body to pass an act of the General Assembly for said State to emancipate