minded men and women in or near Chapel-Hill, who have intimately known your Petitioner from her infancy to the present hour, to whose certificates and affidavits, herewith collated, she with pride refers your Body, and the public.

That in the perturbation of mind incident to her extreme youth and the state she is placed in, and ignorant alike of the routine of general business, as of the forms and etiquette of your Honorable Body, your Petitioner made an application by her next friend, for a postponement of the consideration of her case for a few days; this she did with an humble hope that, without being troublesome to your Body, she could procure copies of the charges, and of the specifications of the charges, and depositions thus made and exhibited against her: but in this she has somehow been frustrated, as, notwithstanding the exerting her every effort to procure them, as well as those of her friends, and notwithstanding her next friend, and very many others, have offered to pay in advance the amount of such fees, and costs as *even a clerk in enmity might* demand for the furnishing them, such efforts have been in vain; and she still is ignorant of the extent, or of the precise nature of the charges she is about to be compelled to answer; so that, by the course pursued with her, she is debarred, or about *to be so*, of the participating in those rights and privileges guaranteed by our political institutions to the greatest offenders—namely, full specifications of the charges made, the confronting of the accusers, and the examination of the witnesses in presence of the party accused. Rights which she humbly but respectfully insists on the participating in, with decent but unshrinking firmness. Rights she will not consent to forego or give up her claim to, as otherwise she must and will be adjudged unheard and undefended.

WHEREFORE YOUR PETITIONER earnestly begs and prays your Honorable Body, to order the proper officer to furnish her with legally authenticated copies of the several allegations, specifications and charges, as well as depositions that have been made or exhibited in the case to your Honorable Body; together with a copy of the Petition of her *revered father-in-law, Thomas Price, Esquire*, and of her beloved husband, Washington Price. And that you will also allow a further and more convenient time to prepare and make her defence, which the want of those papers has precluded the possibility of her hitherto doing or preparing for. And that you will make such other and further order in the premises, as to your collective wisdom shall seem meet and expedient, and commensurate with the doing of even-handed and substantial justice: and she will ever gratefully pray, &c.

SUSANNAH PRICE, by
MARY G. WEBB, her next friend.

*North-Carolina, Dec.* 18, 1823.

*State of North-Carolina, Wake County, ss.*

Abdias P. Webb maketh oath on the Holy Evangelists, that he doth perfectly and intimately know Susannah Price, formerly Webb, and hath so known her from her infancy: And that he doth not know, or believe, that she is a girl of evil or bad fame or conversation. That she is now, to the best of this deponent's recollection and belief, between thirteen and fourteen years of age; not exceeding fourteen years at this time he thinks. And that her deportment hath been, ever since he has known her, in his opinion and belief, as correct, as upright, as chaste, and as free from vice, or the indulging in vicious or immoral propensities, as any girl or child of her age and rank in life, in the neighborhood where she has been raised and where she lives.

*Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20th day of December, A. D.* 1823.
T. RAYCRAFT, J. P.

ABDIAS P. WEBB.

I, the subscriber, one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for Wake county, do hereby certify as such, that I do know and am personally acquainted with Abdias Webb, the deponent above named, who is a respectable schoolmaster, and has and maintains a respectable wife, and family of children; and that I do think and believe the said Abdias to be a man of integrity and veracity, and an honest, moral man; and that I would give credit to whatever he would certify. Given under my hand, in Wake county, this 20th day of December, A. D. 1823.

NIMROD RAGSDALE, J. P.

*North-Carolina, Chatham county:*

This is to certify, that Abdias P. Webb is now about leaving the parts adjacent to the neighborhood of Pittsboro', in which neighborhood he has taught School for nine years, and has proved himself attentive to the instruction of youth, not only in advancing their education in spelling, reading, arithmetic, &c. but also particular to their morals; but not finding his School sufficient to engage attention, we part with him with the greatest regret as a teacher, wishing and recommending him all success in his occupation, hoping he may meet with encouragement wherever he goes. Given under our hands, this 23d of Nov. 1816.

J. W. BYNUM,
HASTIN POE,
FRANCIS TARREL,
STEPHEN J. PETTY,
J. F. POE,
M. BYNUM.