by whom she had a coloured child, and became, and continues to be, a public and notorious prostitute in the most unlimitted sense of that word. She indulging in an unreserved, and promiscuous intercourse with men of every colour, age, class, and description she meets, sufficiently dissolute, licentious, and sensual, to gratify their passions, and her lust, and desire of variety.

That your Petitioners hopes of happiness being thus early blasted, in a way, and by persons whose abject stations in life precludes his obtaining any redress for the injuries thus done him, without making him obnoxious to that portion of ridicule, that most inconsistently follows matters of this nature, because the butt of such ridicule, is more an object for the balm of pity, than for the gall of unfeeling mirth, to avoid which, he moved from thence, and is now seated in Raleigh in Wake County, where his demeanour has been such, he feels himself authorised to say, as to gain for him the good will of his neighbours notwithstanding his poverty.

That from his imperfect knowledge of the english language, he being a foreigner, and the consequent difficulty of making himself understood, as well as from a reluctance to make public, what without any fault of his own might by mean, and illiberal minds be thought disgraceful to him, he has hitherto brooded over his wrongs in agonising silence, and his poverty precluding the possibility of his engaging a lawyer to file a petition for a divorce in a court of law. or if he had found a lawyer kind enough to befreind him therein, he was, and is, unable to give the security for the accruing costs which is required by act of assembly: which costs he would be compelled to pay, tho successful in the suit, as neither the unhappy woman complained against, nor her paramours, have any visible means of paying them: and as your Petitioner is able to substantiate the facts herein set forth, as well by several members of your Body, as by other respectable witnesses; and being advised, that the acting upon it, so as to release him from the unhallowed bonds he in an evil hour entered into, is a matter wholly within the discretion of your Body.

He earnestly prays that you will take his case into consideration that he is a foreigner, and poor, and the woman complained against an open and notorious prostitute, and that you will either divorce him from the said woman, or make such order as to your collective wisdom shall seem

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