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Honourable Representatives of North Carolina in Session at Raleigh,

Believing that you have the power to relieve, in such cases as mine; I venture to present myself to your sympathy, and my case to your consideration. My Husband, Gabriel Jackson, having left me and six Children in a homeless & helpless situation, and in debt more than his property could satisfy - I was before you last year, the fourth year of his absence; praying the power to hold such property, as I might hereafter acquire; which was argued unconstitutional, and of no avail, if granted - I still thought if he would return to his natural Charge and duty; he could be well received — He is now gone five years, all which time I have had no security for the enjoyment of my Industry; and am become ready to faint - Impatient to be free, willing to do, and suffer the Laws of our Country my liberation being of vital importance for my own happiness, and the prosperity of my Children - I therefore pray to be divorced from Mr Gabriel Jackson —

My pleas, and, as you may discover, the credit of my friends give me, I think, a claim on my estate - I therefore with high, yet humble expectation continue praying

Margaret Jackson