Halifax County North Carolina

To the Honble the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina — Your Petitioner Mildred McLilley — Humbly sheweth — That Her husband John McLilley hath without cause or provocation — And with conduct injurious to your Petitioner & without just provocation on her part — has left her Bed & board And left to the support of your Petitioner — Three Orphan Children to maintain — While He the said John McLilley — Contracts debts for his own use & benefit which debts have been paid — by Your Petitioner out of her own labour, to her great injury & distress — Now therefore your honorable body will take into Consideration the Case of Your Petitioner — And grant her such relief as in your judgment shall be proper — either by divorce or securing to Her hereafter Her honest earning — And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c. —

Milley her ✗ mark McLilley

We the undersigned certify that the Complaints contained in the above Petition ought to be redressed —

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