State of North Carolina
Washington County

To the Honourable the Legislature of North Carolina.

The petition of John D. Barber hereby shews to the Honourable Legislature as aforesaid

That he married in the year of our Lord 1811 Mary Perry that they lived together 3 years and that he always treated her affectionately that at the end of that time she left his house without cause and entered into the most abandoned scenes of prostitution that she lived in a state of prostitution with black and white and its is fact that the line of conduct she has persued is too disgraceful to state your petitioner stated as a fact that she has contracted a long time since a most hateful disease and has laboured under that for a number of years and he believes yet does labour under it that she is a most uncommon drunkard and they all the facts stated in this petition proved by the accompany is affidavits your petitioner therefore prays that the legislature