To the Honorable the General Assembly of North Carolina

The Petition of Susannah Sharp, humbly represents unto your honorable body that she intermarried with one Thomas Sharp in the County of Burke in the State of North Carolina, about twelve or thirteen years ago indulging the belief and fond hopes of enjoying with him all the pleasures of a matrimonial life, but in this she soon discovered she was sadly disappointed for she had been married but a short time before he began to treat her with coldness and ultimately with great harshness. She notwithstanding continued live with the said Sharp for about the space of two months when he left her and after being gone about six months he returned and she again received him in hopes that he would treat her as a husband, but she was again disappointed for in about four months he again left her and went to the State of Tennessee. After remaining away for upwards of twelve months he again returned and lived with your Petitioner about five months when she was informed that during his absence he had intermarried with another woman in the State of Tennessee. He then left your Petitioner again and has since married a woman in the County of Haywood North Carolina whom he has since left and is now living with his father in the County of Buncombe. your Petitioner after being abandoned by her husband the third time, at which time she had two children, despaired of ever reclaiming him, and being thrown