To the Honorable General Assembly of N.O. Carolina = Humbly Shewith that your Petitioner - John Howell Senr of Nº ampton County - and State of Nº Carolina = hath Got an Illegitimate Son - by Mrs Lucy Boykin of the Same County - By the Name of Abner - Boykin - your Petioner Prays that that your Body Pass a law - to ad the Name of Howell to the aforesaid Name and also an Act to make him Legitimate - and heir at law of all my Property Real and Personal Provided I dy without a will - And your Petitioner in duty Bound will ever Pray &c. November 10th 1818 = John Howell Senr

Witness
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Edwin P. Smith
Joseph Fennell -
James Hart -
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Geo. Jordan
Benja Harrison