To The Honourable, The General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, The petition of Samuel Love of the county of Burke and State aforesaid a free man of colour, humbly sheweth that your petitioner hath by the blessing of divine providence and his honest industry and care, acquired some property both real and personal, and it is the wish and desire of your honour's humble petitioner to be authorized by law to dispose of his said property by last Will and Testament or otherwise as the case may be, and that his son Samuel may be legitimated by an act of your honourable Body, and such privileges granted as in your wisdom may be most suitable for attaining the object hereby prayed for, and your petitioner will as he is in duty bound ever pray &c &c &c

We the undersigned do hereby certify, that we have known the above named petitioner Samuel Love a free man of colour for many years, and that the said Samuel, has at all times, as far as known to us, acted in an honest and upright manner agreeable to his Situation, and as an industrious and good citizen, and do believe him to be well entitled to the privilege above prayed for, if it should be agreeable to the wisdom of your honourable Body to grant him the same, as Witness our hands the 2nd of august 1820

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