which their slavery achieved? Or will our State continue to degrade the African race, and offer their degradation as a reason for perpetuating their wretched condition?

Must the black females forever remain ignorant of those delicate sensibilities which should characterize their sex? Must they neither be enabled nor permitted to extend that parental care to their children which is necessary to impress into their tender minds the principles of piety, virtue, industry and economy so necessary to their future usefulness either as Citizens or Slaves. Your Memorialists, though unaccustomed to address your honourable body, earnestly entreat you to take this subject under your consideration, and meliorate the condition of this unhappy race as much as possible; by prohibiting the separation of the mothers from their tender infants; and restricting Masters in the administration of corporal punishments from the shameful practice of stripping the black matron's back.— it is a sight too shocking to behold in any Country, and much more so in this civilized land of boasted Liberty. Your Memorialists solicit you to plead for the oppressed, & render our Country the delight & glory of the earth.—

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