To the Honorable the Legislator of N Carolina
— The Petition of John Smith of Burke County
Respectfully Sheweth
— That notwithstanding he feels a delicacy
in presenting to your honorable Body a
Petition to Legitimate his Two Children
the Eligitimate Children of Susanah
Berry he yet feels it his Duty your Politianor States that
he took these Children when very
young, to wit, Joseph & Mary & has
Raised them In Credit & they are
now he believes Respectable — your
Politianor is now Oald & Infirm &
his aforesaid Children feal near
to him he therefore prays your
honorable Body to pass an act make=
=ing them his Leagle heirs & he as
Duty Bound will Ever Pray &c

Burke County November 11th 1828

John Smith