To the Honourable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina

The Petition of Green T. Porter of the County of Orange Humbly complaining respectfully sheweth unto your Honorable body that for some few years he has had reason to believe that his wife Mary was unchaste but in the absence of any direct evidence he continued to live with untel the 8th of November he caught a man in his wife's room in his night dress which fully satisfied him of the baseness of his wife Your petitioner is aware that his case is cognizable by the courts but the difficulty which presents itself is that the adulterer has runaway and that he cannot make any positive proof except by his own oath and the great delay which a resort to the court would necessarily occasion your petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable body would divorce him from his said wife and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Green T. Porter

Green T. Porter maketh oath that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true sworn to this 15th Dec. 1835

Th. D. West J.P.