To The Honorable, The General Assembly —
of Northcarolina —

The petition of Ned Hyman (a Slave) humbly complaining Sheweth unto The Honorable The General Assembly ~~aforesaid~~, that your petitioner now residing in the Town Williamstown in the County of Martin ~~& State aforesd~~ and by occupation a farmer — ~~was~~ born some fifty four or five years ago ~~the property~~ slave of one Jno. Hyman of Bertie County, that ~~sd~~ Jno. Hyman died when your petitioner was about the age of fourteen, that your petitioner then became the ~~slave and~~ property of his then young Master Samuel Hyman — during three years (the minority) of his ~~sd~~ young Master ~~Saml~~ he was hired out to the highest bidder, — that after ~~sd~~ three years of hired service he was taken home by his ~~sd~~ Master Saml, in whose possession and under whose control ~~and management~~ your petitioner lived and served from that time up to the death of his ~~sd~~ Master Saml — which happened some time in the year 1828 — since that time your petitioner ~~with little exception~~ has been under the control of the Executor of his ~~sd~~ decd Master. Your petitioner would further state, that during this long period and through every change of Master or service your petitioner has been a faithful and an honest servant to the interest of him or her whom it was his duty to serve — and of this he hopes he can give the most satisfactory ~~memorial~~ testimonials. Your petitioner would further state that some time about his Twenty-seventh year he intermarried with one Elizabeth Hagans a free woman of Colour with whom he has lived in friendship and harmony with little or no exception ever since; (and altho your petitioner has been informed that the sd union or marriage did not constitute your petitioner & sd Elizabeth "husband & wife" in the legal acceptation of that phrase yet your humble petitioner would ask the indulgence of your Honorable body