To The Honorable The Genl. Assembly of North Carolina for 1833-1834 — Williamston October 10th 1833

Your memorialists beg leave to state to Your Honorable Body — that for many years they have been well aquainted with Ned Hyman and humble petitioner to the Genl Assembly foreside for an act of Manumission to be passed by Your Honorable Body in his favor and for his benefit — Your Memorialists would further state that they have read the petition of so Ned — and they believe that all the facts therein stated are substantially true. Your Memorialists would further state that the so Ned has been, and still is, a very uncommon and extraordinary Negro — that he is remarkably industrious frugal & prudent; that he has ~~in the~~ acquired a very pretty Estate at least to the Amount of what he has stated in his petition, Mostly by farming ~~or rather Agriculture at pitcairn~~ Your Memorialists would further say — that the so Ned is an humble peaceable and well bet negro to all persons; — that they believe him to be a sincere and devoted friend to good order, and a strenuous supporter among those of his own Colour and Condition of their being faithful & sincere to the interests of their Masters. Your memorialists further say they believe the so Ned to be upright and honest in all his dealings that, in a word his character stands as fair and as good for honesty, truth, industry, humility, sobriety & fidelity, as any negros they (your memorialists) have ever seen or even heard of. In conclusion your Memorialists would say that altho they know of no extraordinary meritorious services performed by ~~so~~ Ned — in saving the life of his owners in eminent peril, or other extraordinary service ~~Sacrificing his fortune to the good of the State~~ Yet your Memorialists believe from what they know of Ned — that No person ~~scarcely~~ slave or free-man would scarcely go further to deserve the good opinion of the public in any act that he could do — than your petitioner Ned — that your memorialists would further state to the Honorable Genl Assembly that if it be within