The undersigned, the Executor and family of Samuel Hyman dec.d represent to the Hon. General Assembly of North Carolina that Ned, who has petitioned to the Genl body for an act of manumission in his favour, was as he states, the faithful and obedient servant of his master, to such an extent as to secure his gratitude and affection, as well as that of your petitioners, his representative, and family - They further state to your Honorable body, that it is within their knowledge that it was the wish of the master of your petitioner, that he could consistently with the laws of the state, liberate your petitioner, and in soliciting your Hon. body to pass an act in favour of your petitioner, they confidently say, that they are ~~but~~ acting in accordance with the wishes of the late Saml Hyman, which coincide with their own. It is not for your petitioners to prescribe the rules of policy by which your deliberations should be directed, neither would they be guilty of such presumption; but with all due deference they humbly conceive