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

The undersigned is the natural father of a boy by the name of Therphilus Lilley the son of Charity Lilley the present wife of your memorialist which was born out of lawful wedlock and your memorialist is very desirous to make him his lawful Heir so that he may legally be entitled to enjoy part of your memorialists property in common with his other children in case by some casualty your memorialist should die without having a will independent of the pleasure it would afford your memorialist to have him placed in the same situation as his other children.

Your memorialist therefore prays your Honorable body to pass a law legitimating the said Therphilus Lilley so as to make him capable of inheriting in the same manner as though he had been born in lawful wedlock. and your memorialist will ever pray.

Joseph Lilley