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To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Commons of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina:

The petition of Sarah Ann Keith of Plymouth in the said state respectfully represents:

That in the year 1818 she intermarried with William Keith then a resident of Beaufort County in the said state: - that William Keith at that time stood fair in the community, but had little or no property: - that your petitioner had property enough to have supported her in comfort with prudent circumspection: - that there was no marriage contract between them: - that in a few years William Keith became insolvent, and all the property which he and your petitioner had, (except so much of your petitioner's property as shall be hereinafter mentioned) was sold to pay his debts; amongst which was William Keith's life estate in a certain tract of about three hundred and sixty acres of land lying in Beaufort County which descended to your petitioner upon the death of her father and her sister: - that her estate in remainder in fee simple of the said land was not sold and still remains belonging to her: - That in the year 1828 William Keith for the avowed purpose