of bettering her fortunes left his home in Boston for a long journey and residence abroad, without telling your petitioner distinctly to what place he was going, except that he some times talked of going to Santa Fe in South America:- that shortly after his departure he wrote your petitioner a letter from a place called Lexington (perhaps Lexington Kentucky) and since then your petitioner has never received a letter from him: that she has understood he has written to others in Boston some four or five letters since his departure, and from them she has understood that he was somewhere in South America; but your petitioner never understood distinctly where, nor what business he was following, nor what success attended his exertions in accumulating property: that none of the information received by your petitioner concerning her husband has authorized her to believe that he had certainly abandoned her and his and her children with intention to return no more; but none of it has ever authorized her to expect his return in any short or given time, and she is utterly ignorant of his intentions to return or not, or if to return, when to expect him.

Your petitioner states that her husband left her with two young children, (both of whom are yet living with her) without the means to support them; and that her friends