To the members of the Legislature of
of the State of North Carolina in General
Assembly met - The petition of the subscri-
-bing a citizen of the County of Granville
and State of North Carolina, respectfully
showeth, that sometime in the month of
March the year Eighteen hundred and
twenty four, at the tender age of thirteen
your petitioner was married to John
Hendrick then of the County of Warren
he, being without her knowledge a
man of exceedingly loose and immoral
habits, withall so violent in his temper
that your petitioner could not consider
herself safe within his reach, neither
for sometime after she left him; for
his many threats of personal violence
and once an attempt to put in execution
his threat, by drowning your petitioner
in a mill pond, compelled her to
bind him in a bond of five hundred
dollars, to prevent him doing her personal
harm; which bond accompanies this
petition, he often, openly doubted the
fidelity of his wife, your petitioner,
and even accused her of the horrible
crime of incest with her own father
and brother, and so generally brutal
was his conduct, that after living
with him five months, your petitioner
was compelled to fly to her father for
protection, since which time she has had no
kind of intercourse whatever with him,
He, John Hendrick since your petitioner