State of North Carolina
Haywood County

To the Honourable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina —

The Petition of Mary Layfong of the County of Haywood, humbly complaining Sheweth to your honourable body, that about the year 1821. She intermarried with one Benedict Layfong that for some Time after marriage she was kept in continual fear of her life by the said Benedict, untill he finally left her bed, and has continued to live in a State of Seporation from her for six years, during the whole of which Time he has entirely failed to maintain comfort, and assist her, as he was bound to do; But threatens to many some other person, & have her entirely — And inasmuch as your petitioner is without hope or remedy without your interference She prays your honourable body to grant her a divorce from the bonds of matrimony and do whatever else is just and right in this behalf, and your petitioner as in duty bound will will ever pray —

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