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

Whereas a memorial will be presented to your body at the present session assigned by Sundry Citizens of this County, at the Instance of Ephrum Dicken Exr. of Godwin Cotton Ld. praying the liberation of Negro (Ely) we your petitioners sheweth that the said Ely was purchased by Godwin Cotton from Drewry King of Hallofax County when young; that said Cotton Carried him to Tarbo. and whatever may have been his meritorious Conduct towards his Master in Tarbo. we are satisfyed and hereby setforth from many that are, and was acquainted with the said Ely, that before the said Cotton purchased him he was a turbulent and what may be termed a bad Negro, we therefore pray your Honorable Body not to liberate the said Ely only on condition that he be sent out of the State and your petitioners will ever pray

Edgecombe County North Carolina
November 27th 1838

Names	Names
Joseph Edmondson	Bryce Bates
Baker Staton	Jerry Knight
Charles Mabrey	Wells Draughon
James Ponder	Patrick McDowell
Britain Howell	