To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina now in session

The petition of Elina M Cobb of the County of Burke and State aforesaid humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honorable body that she intermarried with one John Cobb of the Town of Hamburg and State of South Carolina the last of January 1832. Your petitioner charges that the said John Cobb came to Morganton where your petitioner resided with her father and addressed her on the subject of matrimony representing himself as highly respectable and of good standing in the Town where he resided and of considerable celebrity as a physician having a large and extensive practice which was very profitable and that he owned and was in possession of one or two valuable plantations and some fifteen negroes And your petitioner further charges that the said John Cobb, handled in very handsome style, with a carriage two fine horses and a servant and dressed in a genteel and fashionable manner and as far as your petitioner knew