pay her husbands debts — Your petitioner is aware that she might obtain the releif she seeks by an application to the Superior Court, but that she is in such destitute circumstances as to be unable to pay the costs necessarily attending a proceeding in Court — That she is now old and cannot reasonably expect to accumulate more, if as much property, as will subserve her wants and afford her a support until the grave shall relieve her of all her troubles — She therefore prays that your honorable body in consideration of the premises will pass an act securing to her such property as she may hereafter acquire by her own industry or otherwise, and she as in duty bound will ever pray &c &c Oct. 1838.

Elizabeth his mark Bentley

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Read & ordered on motion of Mr Taylor to lie upon the table.
By order Ed
H G Stone Cl

Mr [illegible]