To the Honble. The General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, now in Session -

The Petition of Rachel Hamblet of Chatham County, respectfully States, that ~~in the year 18~~ some years past she intermarried with Wm Hamblet, a young man at that time of respectability and some property, that they lived together happily for several years, [illegible] that the Sd Wm Hamblet has for several years past became dissipated & spent all the property he owned as well as what property my Father gave me, and has forsaken me entirely & taken up with a negro Woman, & been guilty of such other immoral conduct that no Woman could live with him, if he would permit them, which facts can be substantiated by a respectable Member of your body; and that I have given him a Notice in Writing that I intended making application for a Divorce, and pray your Honorable body to divorce us from the bond of Matrimony & to secure to me such property as I may hereafter acquire. & your Petitioner will ever pray &c

Chatham County
28th Nov. 1827

Rachel Hamblet