To the Honbl.. the General Assembly of the State of Northcarolina..

The Petition of Jonathan Bryan of the town of Wilmington in the County of Newhanover and State aforesaid

Humbly Sheweth that In the year 1823 on the first day of January your Petitioner was married to Ann Jane Anders.. That a very Short time after Said Marriage She left your Petitioners Bed and Board without any Just Cause or his leave or Consent but Expressly ~~against~~ Against his will and disire and located herself In Bladen County And was absent between three and four weeks ~~[illegible]~~ During which time your Petitioner was Confined with the Billious fever So that his life was despared of

That your petitioner Sent his son to State to his wife his dangerous Situation and the propriety and necessity of her Returning home She did so --

But Such was her Conduct in Admineering of the medician preserbed by the attending Physician and the Improper liquids given by her in drinks that your petitioner was led to believe that any thing but his Restoration to health was intended -- Blisters in his Sickness were applied She instead of dressing them according to the direction given and in the manner ~~[illegible]~~ Pursued away of her Own well Calculated to produce what your petitioner must be Compelled to think was to Consummate her deliberate d' design his death for Independant of her Continual ill treatment She freequantly Expressed herself in the Most ungrtefull manner and has Cmpleately betrayed her Seduction from the line of Rectitude and pathes of female virtue

Your Petitioner further States that Such was his Conviction from her deliberate design that he would not take any Medicien from her hands nor permit her to dress his blisters And from which Refuseal and prevention and through the Mercy of God he is indebted for his life.