State of North Carolina
Robeson County } December 16th 1825.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, Now in Session.

The petition of Mary Barker of the Said County Humbly Represents that your petitioner is the lawful wife of One Charly Barker of the Said County, with whom she intermarried some ten or twelve years ago — That in Conformity with her duty as a wife, she soon after removed to the house of her husband, where she had remained but a Short period before he introduced into his domicile One Margaret McNamarra a woman of ill fame, with whom he bedded; and as your petitioner believes regularly Cohabited as Satan prompted his inclination.

Your Petitioner unable, therefore to bear the Continued neglect of her husband, being treated by him as a menial Servant only, without being received and admitted to his Conjugal embraces, and his attentions and affections entirely bestowed upon another, under her own eye, and in the face of the world and disregarding the Solemn vows of Constancy, to your petitioner most solemnly pledged; Your petitioner was under the necessity, and did leave and separate herself from her husband being thereto Compelled, after a residence with him for a Short period only. And thus separated sought a maintenance for herself among those upon whom she had no other claim than the Common ties of Social & Charitable feelings

Your petitioner further states that notwithstanding