To the Honorable the General Assembly of North Carolina.

The petition of Hannah Allen respectfully represents. That during the life time of her late master Elkanah Allen, she so conducted herself, that the said Elkanah Allen was pleased to express a wish to have her emancipated together with her children Mary, Sam, Nancy, James and John and the more effectually to express the sincerity of his declaration and to give the same a binding force, he conveyed your petitioner and her children aforesaid for a valuable consideration to John G Scull now deceased in trust to have them emancipated — That John G Scull died and on the representation of the facts by the Admr. to the County Court of New Hanover she was emancipated, but the said court refused to emancipate the children unless mentioning services were proven to have been performed, She is therefore compelled to apply to the