To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina

The memorial of Harriet Pasqueyre of the County of Buttonwood, hereby complaining, shewth unto your honorable body, that your Memorialist was married to a certain Bernard Pasqueyre late of the Island Hispaniola in the year of 1795. That her friends more prudent than herself caused to be secured to her the much greater part of her little property by a marriage settlement bearing date the day of May 1795.

That not many weeks had elapsed subsequent to their union when your Memorialist discovered to her infinite mortification that her property trifling as it was had been the primary object of his warmest affection. That he would urge in the most pressing manner, for her consent to sell the Negroes secured to her by said settlement, upon her refusal he would fall in to the most violent paroxysms of rage, and abuse her in the most virulent language the vulgarity of his mind could possibly suggest in language too gross and indecent to be repeated.

Your Memorialist at length wearied out by his iterated importunities, intimidated, by his ~~violence~~ threats and fondly, hoping that a compliance with his wishes, might purchase