The General Assembly of the State of North Carolina

Gentlemen

The memorial of Nancy Dean of the State aforesaid and County of Guilford Humbly represents that some years ago she intermarried with Samuel Dean, late of the County of Stokes the parents on both sides being reputable and well satisfied with the said match and both parties being in tolerable affluent circumstances contributed largely to the support of the said Samuel Dean and Nancy, they lived together for some time enjoying all the satisfaction that is common in the Matrimonial State, and untill they had several Children, when to the great mortification of the said Nancy her husband Samuel Dean betook himself to every kind of extravagance viz, Gambling and drinking to very great excess, by which conduct he has brought your petitioner and her little Children to a state of Indigence and disgrace, She therefore prays that your honorable body would take her case into your wise Consideration and pass