To the Honourable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina which will commence on next month November 1821.

The Petition of Levice Pennington of Burke County in the State of North Carolina humbly represents to your honourable body that she married one Ezekiel Pennington on the 6th day of April 1817 who then resided in Burke County near her fathers Daniel England that the said Ezekiel Pennington had been for some time previous to his marriage with your Petitioner engaged in teaching an English School and had conducted himself with approbation and had gained the esteem of the people in whose neighbourhood he had lived near to Morganton, That your Petitioner & her husband the said Ezekiel Pennington lived in harmony and without any discord until the 10th of September in the same year 1817 when the said Ezekiel Pennington her husband expressed his intention of going to Georgia to see his relations, at which time he did set off and as she your Petitioner did believe with an intention of returning back to Burke County that in the month of October following the said Pennington wrote to your Petitioner & expressed his intention of returning soon to her: But so it is your Petitioner has never since the time aforesaid received any letter nor any certain information where he is or what has become of him. Your Petitioner further states that the said Ezekiel Pennington left no visible property behind him & was indebted about Two Hundred Dollars. Your Petitioner further states that should she obtain any property by any means it would be taken from her to pay Pennington's debts

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays your honourable body to pass a Law by which she may be enabled to hold all such property as she may unknown