your petitioner had been obliged to endure in receiving the most ~~bulgar abuse & threatened~~ ~~[illegible]~~ blows at the hands of her husband came to the knowledge of your petitioners brother & he accompanied by ~~the~~ a near relation who was at that time on a visit to this State from Alabama came to your petitioners house and carried her to her mothers a few miles off where she has continued to reside ever since - Your petitioner shews that when she consented to go to her mothers it was only for the sake of protection against immediate and great peril - that she had not then resolved to abandon her husband notwithstanding his treatment to her - that she so informed the said Reid, but he acting under the influence of a base & unmanly revenge, instead of affording to your petitioner his protection ~~& [illegible]~~ ~~stopping to~~ of ~~so~~ abandoning his contrivances to force from her mother that which she had honestly purchased more effectually to cover the shame of his conduct and to gratify an unfounded malignity, insinuated to the neighbors that your petitioner had been dishonored by a prostitution of her person to the lust of her relative above named His insinuations were soon magnified into charges against your petitioners chastity and ~~her~~ her determination was from that moment taken that she would never return to her husband nor permit herself to ~~[illegible]~~ treat as a husband him who had basely attempted to wound her good name & the honour of her hitherto unreproached family - Your petitioner shews that this resolution became fixed when the said Thomas M D Reid for the sake of procuring a continuance of an Indictment against him then pending in Moore Court for Forgery actually stated to the Court in substance that there was a pressing necessity for his return to wake before the day set apart for the trial of the case because he was afraid that your petitioner meant to elope with her relative who was then in this State on a visit as before stated - This averment was made among