To the honourable the general Assembly of the state of North Carolina...

The Petition of Mrs Susan Davis of the county of franklin humbly represents unto this honourable body that she was some fifteen or Sixteen years ago married agreeable to the forms & laws of this state unto her husband wiley O. Davis, with whom she lived as man and wife for many years, and hoped to have continued to do so — But some seven or eight years past he took it into his head to abandon her and her four infant Children which had been the fruit of their matrimony and without any cause from her or her unoffending infants went as it was understood by his acquaintances to New orleans since which time your petitioner has never heard of him — And at the time she was left in the most abject and dependant situation and has ever since been compelled to labour for her support and the support of her Children except what she could obtain by the means of Charitable friends

your Petitioner further represent unto this honourable body that she has long since