To the Honorable the General Assembly
of the State of N. Carolina

Gentlemen — Your Petitioner Prays that
your Honorable Body would take
her Case in Consideration & Grant such
relief as to you may seem fit & proper —
Your Petitioner Entermarried With a man
by the name of Richd. McKinnie — after
Living together for nine or ten years — Without
any Known Cause to your Petitioner — except that
he Was involved in debt — he left her Desolate
& Without Support — to the Mercy of the World
& further, your Petitioner Knows, that if she
Would Strive to accumulate any Property that
it would be taken from her, to satisfy the
Debts of the said Richd. McKinne, for she has
every reason to believe — both by letters rec.d &
Verbal hearsay — that he left — with a resolution
never to return — Your Petitioner Prays that you
Consider her Case — & Grant her a Divorce from
the said Richd. McKinne — as is Often Done
that She might strive to make Support for herself
& Children — Without the dread of an Officer