

To the Honourable House of Assembly of Virginia  
now sitting your petitioner Elizabeth Bourn Humbly sheweth  
That On the fifteenth day of June One thousand Seven hundred  
& Seventy nine she was married with a Certain Andrew  
Bourn and lived happy with him for About Ten years at which  
period he absconded from his Marriage bed and took up with  
a Certain Nelly Bourn a Cousin of his who has cohabited  
with for About Thirteen years in the State of Kentucky where  
he moved selling all his Land & Neagars turning them into Cash  
and left me with Two small Children without a farthing  
to support on and you will be informed that he has lived in  
open Adultery with the said Nelly and has several Children by  
her your petitioner claims some Neagars by virtue of a marriage  
Contract from her father & said Neagars were forced from her  
by her father in order to keep her husband from taking them  
as his property and your petitioner cannot bring state to recover  
said Neagars without the interposicion of your Honourable  
Body Granting her a bill of divorce for that purpose as  
your petitioner has no redress without your immediate assistance  
hope as you must be sensible of her deplorable situation you  
will grant her relief as far as in your power your  
petitioner ever prays &c

Elizabeth Bourn  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1802.

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a member of the house