North Carolina Court { Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Montgomery County { October Term 1862.

To the worshipful, the Justices of said Court –

The petitions of Rutha Cranford widow of James Cranford, respectfully dec'd intestate in Montgomery County during the month of

June last leaving his surviving the following children Towit: Hewline(?) & wife Elisa Ann Hewline & wife Eliza. Beaman & wife Malinda, Beaman & wife. Marg & W.W. Cranford who are his only heirs at Law-

Your petitioners further showeth, that her said husband at the Time of his death has S??d and in fee of Quas? of a Court of Law & as said County adjoining the lands of Thos. J. Bright, Winborne Cranford to them and ashew and containing by entrance and Source two hundred acres

Your petitioners further showeth that the desires to have his land dower allotted to her and to that and she forego your Worships to a writ to be issued to the Sheriff, commanding him to Summon five arbiters(?), commixture(?) with the posture of ??? by consanguinity & affinity and ad???ly by disinterest & to view the aforesaid tract of Land and to allot and set a part to her one third post

Thereof purchasing The Dwelling house, buildings & appliances, used improvements appertaining to the house for the Terms of her natural life and to support their proceeding in ??? for of Law ~

And your petitioners will & now pray

S.S. Jackson ~ Attorney