

To the Honorable Theodorick Bland Chancellor
of Maryland.

Humblly Complaining shewth unto your
Honor, your Patric Virginia Polk ~~of the~~
City of Baltimore the Mother and next friend of
Virginia Williams an infant of tender age,
That several years since, she was ^{lawfully} united in the
bonds of Matrimony with a certain Isaac Williams
since deceased, then of the County of Somerset in
the Eastern Shore of this State, and lived with
him as his wife until the month of October in
the year eighteen hundred and twenty seven. That
in the said month of October in the year aforesaid,
she was constrained by the cruel usage of her then
Husband, the said Isaac Williams, to leave his
House, and at the same time to part with an
infant daughter then about three years old, the
fruit of the said marriage, and that from the
period ^{of} her separation from her said Husband
to the time of his death, which occurred sometime
in the year eighteen hundred and twenty five, she
never was permitted to see her said daughter, though
she made frequent efforts to do so -
That in consequence, of the rejection of