

habits, yet, he became more abandoned, and at this time is utterly given up to drunkenness, whilst his treatment of your oratrix is barbarous in the extreme. As an instance of the cruelty and danger to which she is constantly exposed, she states, that some time in the month of August, her husband assaulted her, and though feeble and unresisting, he beat and bruised her person in a most degrading manner, and but for the officers of the law, who arrested and confined him, she feared her life would have been taken. That on giving security to keep the peace, he was discharged, but has forfeited his recognizance by renewing his assaults upon your oratrix, attacking her with fire arms and other instruments of death, and forcing her, with her helpless and afflicted child, to seek refuge from his brutal violence in the houses of her neighbors. The bill, also, charges adultery on the part of the husband, and prays for a divorce *a vinculo*, or, if that should not be adjudged the proper remedy, a divorce *a mensa et thoro*. The bill further states, that at the time of her marriage, complainant was living upon the land which had been assigned her, as dower, from the real estate of her first husband, the late Dennis Boyd, and was possessed of personal property, in her own right, consisting of a few house servants, some stock, and household and kitchen furniture. That before her marriage with Tayman, she had instituted suits at law to recover certain property and claims of small value, as administratrix her late husband, James P. Tucker, to a distributive portion of which she would be entitled in the event of their recovery. That she has but one child, the son of her former husband, Dennis Boyd, an infant of about eleven years of age, who, in case of a divorce, she prays may be left in her care and custody. That said Tayman has no child, or any other person dependent upon him for support, that at the time of his marriage he was, and still continues, possessed, in his own right, of personal property, consisting of negroes, stock, &c., of the amount and value whereof your oratrix is ignorant. She then prays the court to award to her as alimony, all the real and personal property which she held and possessed in her own right at the time of her marriage with Tayman, and now remaining undisposed of by him, and