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At 624
Pittsburgh, Pa. 1788
Sept. 1788
L. D.
Dunbar

To The Hon^{ble} Sup^{re} Court now sitting in a New Haven Day Court
The Petition of Mary Osborn alias White of Wallingford
in said County humbly sheweth That your Hon^{ble} Petitioner was
lawfully joined in Marriage with one Stephen Osborn of s^{aid} Town
about the Month of August. 1736. with whom your Petitioner
contracted in the Dutiful Discharge of the Marriage Covenant many
years. That said Stephen withdrew his Affection from your
Petitioner, causeless &
and has for more than 3 years last past willfully Deserted
your Petitioner & totally neglected the Duties of the Marriage
Covenant to her Whereupon your Petitioner humbly prays your
Hon^{ble} would release & discharge her from all the Duties & Obligations
she was laid under to s^{aid} Stephen by force of said Marriage Covenant &
she as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Wallingford Aug. 29. 1768

Mary x Osborn
mark

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Miss Mary Brown
Feb 17 18

Sam^l White of Lawful Age Depoeth that I was present
at the Bed^d Mr Sam^l Whittellpy's in Wallingford. who
Stephen Coborn. married my Daughter Mary White ab^t
the latter end of August Ann 1736 and I saw them
married by ^{S^r} Mr Whittellpy, & they lived together
in my Family some time & as far as ever I heard ^{S^r} Mary
behead well to her ^{S^r} Husband, & after some time he persuaded
her to go up into the Dutch Country towards Albany. & there she
Tervied some time, till she & her Children was almost starved.
^{S^r} Stephen went after a Young Woman & neglected his wife &
Children as I have been credibly informed. & verily believe, and about
10. or 12. years ago I went up to see my said Daughter & Children
& found their Circumstances to be very poor & difficult: my ^{S^r}
Daughter told me that they had been often several days with
out any Provisions. & out of Duty to the poor Children I sent
2. of them away. & within ab^t a year my ^{S^r} Daughter came to
my house in Wallingford with the rest of her Children, & I hear
of her head from credible Witnesses. & verily believe that ^{S^r} Stephen
for some time before my ^{S^r} Daughter came away, that he lived
& Lodged with a Young Woman. & has had several Children since
by her. & my ^{S^r} Daughter has lived in the same house with
me almost 7. years. & I believe she never received any support
from him. nor Lodged with her. & that ^{S^r} Stephen has never
been in my house since the beginning of August 1765,
according to my best Remembrance & further with not
Mr Sam^l White above Depoent a sworn personally
& made solemn Oath to the Truth of the foregoing Depoeth
he being forforn & of advanced Age declared his Disability
to travel to Court. *Thos Wilson Clerk*