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To the Honorable John B. O'neale speaker and others Members of the House of Representatives
of the State of South Carolina.

The Petition of Thomas Orr

Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner, a native of the County Armagh in Ireland and a brother, son and nephew of William Orr a Naturalized Citizen of the United States of America, late of Pendleton District in this State deceased. That the said William Orr about June 1803 departed this life without leaving any Lawful Wife or children and without making any last Will & Testament. That after his death, That is to say on 17 April 1804 Sam'l Orr, Robert Orr, Alexander Orr brothers and Alexander Whitcraft and Agness his wife, Sister of the Said William Orr employed your petitioner and gave him a power of attorney to sell and dispose of all the Estates of the said William Orr. Your petitioner arrived in the United States in November 1804 and as soon as practicable sold all the Estates of the said William which he could identify. That about 150 acres of the Land whereon the said William lived on the 23 mile Creek in Pendleton District he sold to one William Spruell after the sale finding he would be unable to collect the purchase money from Spruell he rescinded the contract.

Your petitioner then settled himself on the said tract of land and has cultivated and improved it for the last twenty three years. He paid over to one of the persons who gave him the power of attorney the proceeds of the lands sold & made advances for the tract he lives on & he believes to their satisfaction, as he has always acted, openly fairly and Honestly: He has lately learned that one James Orr — Natural (or illegitimate) son of the said William Orr has petitioned the Legislature to vest in him the legal title to the said tract of 150 acres of land or to have the same Escheated & the proceeds given to him. Your petitioner has greatly assisted the said James in obtaining an Education and getting him into business & is informed the said James is doing good business as a merchant While your petitioner is a poor labouring Farmer Farmer upwards of 45 years of age with a family of seven small children and the prospect of increasing dependent on him for support.

Your petitioner sheweth to your honorable body that he did become a Naturalized Citizen of the United States. That he is well disposed towards the good order and happiness of the Citizens and attached to the Laws and institutions of this State.

He therefore prays your Honorable body to take his case into your tender consideration And vest in him his heirs and assigns the legal title of the Tract of Land whereon he now lives, containing 150 acres more or less. Or grant him such other relief as to your Honorable body shall seem meet. And as in duly bound he will Ever pray.

Pendleton 5 November 1827

Thomas Orr

State of South Carolina }
Pendleton District } Before me personally came **Capt. Thomas Orr** and made Oath
that the facts stated in the foregoing petition are Substantially true to the best of his belief.
Sworn to 5 November 1827 }
Before **Joseph Gresham** } Thomas Orr
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J. W. 2

Pendleton District

We the undersigned Citizens of the District aforesaid Certify that we are well acquainted with Capt. Thomas Orr above named, that he is a very respectable Honest Industrious Citizen & we beg leave to join him in his petition above.

Joseph Gresham
James Douthit
James C. Griffin
John T. Lewis
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D R Earle
Samuel Cherry

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