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The State of South Carolina Pendleton District

To the Honorable,

The President, and others the members of the Senate, in General Assembly Convened.

The humble petition of **Thomas Orr** of the district aforesaid, respectfully Sheweth:

That your petitioner is a foreigner, a native of the Kingdom of Ireland That being anxious like many others of his Countrymen, to realize the blessings of a free Government and equal Laws, which they had long struggled for in Vain at home, he emigrated for the United States, the general assylum of the oppressed of all nations, and landed at **Charleston in the month of november 1804**. He came thence to reside in Pendleton and being desirous of becoming a Citizen of and evincing his attachment to the United States, he did, as Soon as he became informed of the Steps necessary to be taken to obtain this desirable end, at October Term 1820, the court of Common pleas being then open and Sitting, give notice to the Said Court of his intention of becoming a Citizen of the United States, and did then and there take and Subscribe the Oaths of Allegiances and Abjuration in open Court - and that afterward towit at October Term 1823 at Pendleton Court house aforesaid he the Said Thomas Orr, upon the prayer of his petition

accompanied with ample certificates of good Conduct, moral character and fidelity, and attachment to the United States Government was fully admitted to all & Singular the rights, priviliges, and immunities of Citizenship in the United States all which is fully shewn by a certificate under the Seal of the Court, accompanying this petition.

And whereas between the time of your petitioner's first giving notice to the Court, of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and of his being admitted to the rights of one, He the Said Thomas Orr did purchase, and with the hard earnings of his industry, honestly pay for, certain tracts or parcels of land in Pendleton District, and, like many other foreigners, did ignorantly receive Title for the Same. But hath Since been informed that there may arise a difficulty in his holdings, possessing and enjoying the Same.

The Prayer of your Petitioner therefore is, that your Honorable body, will upon this, his memorial, humbly, and most respectfully made, Confirm to him and his Heirs &c in fee Simple all Such lands as he hath they purchased and paid for, as well as any other which may have been invested to him or to which he may be in any Way entitled to

one prayer of your petitioner further Sheweth that one **William Orr an Uncle to Petitioner**, being a duly naturalized Citizen of the United States, was possessed in his own right of Three hundred and fifty acres of land in Pendleton district and is lately deceased. And whereas the Heirs and representatives of the Said deceased, did, previous to his being fully naturalized, execute a power of attorney, authorizing the Said Thomas Orr, to Sell and Convey, the Said Lands. Now therefore your petitioner further prays that the power they Vested in him, may be deemed and held to be Legal, and that all his acts done in Conformity thereto, and not Contrary to Law, be held good. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray. **4th November 1826** Thomas Orr

The undersigned Citizens of Pendleton District Certify that we have long known the petitioner, as a good Citizen and a Sober industrious and Honest man.

John F. Lewis

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