

Person of

Parley Eaton

Laid on the table

Your petitioner has for a long time more than
suspected her chastity during his cohabitation with
her and she now lives the open and daily violation
of the marriage contract for all of which causes
your humble petitioner prays ~~that~~ ~~your~~ ~~Honourable~~ ~~that~~
by an act of your Honourable ^{body} you forever
repeal the bonds of Matrimony between your
petitioner and the said Emily and your petitioner
as in duty bound will ever pray
Purley Eaton

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Petitioner of
Purley Eaton

To the Hon Council & House of
Representatives within and for the Territory of Wisconsin
The Prayer of Parley Eaton of Iowa
County your Petitioner Humbly sheweth that on
the 6th day of August in the year 1836 your peti-
-tioner was lawfully married to a woman calling
her name Emily Palmer Your petitioner would
further represent to your Hon Body that before
at the time of said marriage the said Emily now
Eaton disguised herself under a false and assum-
-ed name and character to your petitioner calling
her maiden name Emily Evans when in fact
her maiden name was Emily Callaway and not
Emily Evans and represented herself of good name
& reputation and had even borne the character of
a good virtuous woman instead of which ~~she said~~
she had previously led a most infamous ~~life~~
and abandoned life in a public & notorious
manner which was at the time of said marriage
wholly unknown or even suspected by you
by your petitioner (Your petitioner would
further represent to your Hon Body that said
Emily as being possessed of the most irremedi-
-able and unchangeable disposition of any living
Woman on Earth or within the knowledge of
your petitioner. One hundred ^{weight} not excuse the times
that your petitioner has been beaten with the fist
poker hooks shovel tongs & broomsticks and
finally she undertook and was only prevented
by force from burning all your petitioners
papers as well his private papers as those belonging
to his clients she has also thrown stone through
the office windows in her fits madness)

John Hood
apt
Middletown

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Territory of Wisconsin }
Iowa County 13 }

John Hood being duly sworn does depose and say that he is acquainted with Parley Eaton and Emely his wife the said Emely Eaton is a woman of the most violent passion of any ~~free~~ woman this deponent was once acquainted with the deponent has seen the said Emely pull the said Eatons Hair strike him several blows with her fist without any cause or provocation or Eatons ever rising from his chair she also seized the tongs and was by the deponent only prevented from using them ~~by the~~ that her general character is of ^{the} basest and lowest grade and lacks to every tie of duty or virtue

Sworn and subscribed
this 23^d day Nov 1838

John ^{his} Hood
mark

Before me
Robt. Dougherty Justice Peace

To Emily Eaton

Copy of Notice

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Mineral Point Sept 17th 1838

To Emily Eaton

Take notice that I shall apply
to the next Legislative assembly to be
held at the Capitol in the City of Madison
on the fourth Monday of November next
within and for the Territory of Wisconsin
for a divorce from the bonds of Matrimony
in all future time when and where
you may appear if you will and
contest the same

Pauly Eaton

September 17th 1838

Then served a Notice on the above named
Emily Eaton by giving her the same
of which the above is a true Copy

Richard Martin Const