himself as he had no one to provide for but himself and held an office that paid all that he needed, and then said to him that, as all his slaves were free and it was a difficult matter to get labor, he could not expect to get along as he had formerly done, and that of he calculated on keeping up his farms and mills (he had two flour & grist mills about 5 miles apart) one of which , (by great odds the most valuable) with a valuable tract of land he gave and conveyed to one of his daughters (Mrs Hall) in his lifetime_he would be mistaken, and that eventuallyit would prove practical confiscation of much of his land in the payment of taxes &c., and that as lands were then selling at good prices he suggested to him to cut off the Dwelling house and outhouses on the farm where he resided and fully enough good land adjoining and adjacent thereto as would be necessary to furnish him and Petitioner's Mother all they would need, to be retained by them, or the survivor, during life, and either to sell the remaining lands and out of the proceeds, first, pay his debts, and then divide the residue amongst his children, or else to divide the remaining lands amongst his children and require them therefor to pay his debts. Like most all large Virginia land-owners he was very much averse to selling any of his land, and the interview was ended by his saying he had no land to sell. Your Petitioner begs to state that, during his administration of the said Estates, he occasionally became pressed for money to pay expenses and to pay debts of one estate or the other or his own, and he determined that he would not if possible, suffer himself to be sued as personal representative: he, therefore at different times borrowed money and gave his personal bonds for the payment thereof. At one time he borrowed of the late Joseph Parker $1000.00 - at another of Mr E.C.Burks $3000.00 (which sums with interest were subsequently paid back by Petitioner to said Parker and Burks) and of Mrs Mary I. Bell Admrx. of the late A.A.Bell, at different times between October 2nd 1874 and April 10th.1883 several sums aggregating $1889.13. This last was charged to your Petitioner and his wife in the Settlement of the said A.A.Bell's Estate, she being one of his daughters and entitled as such to a full share in his estate. In addition to the above, to-wit, in 1878 your Petitioner, in right of his first wife, (who died in 1858) received by inheritance from the Estate of the late B.Lightfoot about