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On this day and date below written, personally appeared the affiant whose signature is hereto affixed and who being duly sworn according to law testified as follows:

"My name is Eliza J. Nicholson I am 58 years old, and

I reside in Baltimore, Md. at No. 206 W. Preston Street.

I married Benjamin Nicholson the 21st day of September 1882 by the Rev. James Handay, now a Bishop I believe, at his residence in the city of Baltimore. I lived happily with my husband until he took me to 1106 Division Street, then he began to treat me unkind. He told me he would support me no longer and I had to take in washing & ironing, until I was told by the parties I could not heat the house up, as we rented only rooms. I then decided to go to Atlantic City, in order to get something to do, as I could not get along and did so for the summer months, and then returned to my husband but whilst I was away he sold my furniture and I was out of doors. I went to Atlantic City - on the 11th of July (but the 4th) 1894, my husband gave me my fare and had my trunk taken to the depot. I wrote several letters to him but got but one answer. He has never from the time I came back until now, ^{since} that any house was open to me and that he wanted me back, ^{but} ~~and~~ treated me and has ever since treated me with contempt and will have no conversation with me, upon that or any other subject. I asked him on later than last December to help me when he told me he had nothing for me and shut the door in my face.

Besides this, ^{my} daughter has said repeatedly that I should not live with her or in the same house with him, and I would be ^{forced} to take if I had to do it. I am alone and have to support myself and it does seem to me that I am entitled to some support from him when he spends it upon others as well as himself. I am a respectable woman & have always kept myself so. I have my marriage certified before you now, - and have affidavits from witnesses as to my character and being literally turned out of his house, - and don't see how I can get them together again, & if I did they would testify to the same thing, and have not money to pay for them again, much less another witness.

