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My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose a letter addressed to Her Majesty's Government which has been transmitted to me from the body of Calais workpeople now embarked on board the "Harpley" ship, off Gravesend, and about to sail for South Australia, expressing their thanks for the great kindness extended to them in being furnished with the means of emigrating. Another vessel I understand has been engaged by the Colonial Land & Emigration Commission for the purpose of conveying to Sydney a portion of the large remaining number

The Right Honble

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of the workpeople, and the Commissioners would
to me that after that their arrangements
will probably not allow them to send more.
About 500 persons altogether (including
children) will thus be provided for, and
carry their labour to a country where
it is much wanted instead of burthening
their parishes in England: and did the
arrangements of the Commissioners allow
them to devote further means to the same
object, I may mention that a very
considerable number still remain, not
only of those whose names were included
amongst the first applicants, and who
are now waiting with great anxiety and
enduring great privations, until it is known
which of them are fortunate enough to
have been selected as the most eligible
by the Commissioners, and who are destined
for a passage

In a passage by the next vessel, but also of
later applicants. I should explain that the
five individuals who have signed the
enclosed letter, from the committee of the
Emigrants, and ~~are~~, I believe the same who
signed the petition to the Government in the
first instance.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your

Your most obedient
humble servant

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