

of the Members of the British
Government.

In accordance with the sentiments unanimously expressed, at a meeting of the English ^{representatives} convened for that purpose, in the English Church, at St. Pierre les Calais, on this day March 21st 1848, the following memorial is respectfully presented to your Lordships:

The object of your Memorialists, is to direct attention to the singular, and painful circumstances, in which they are placed, by the changes which have been effected in the Government of this country.

The present state of money affairs in this country, added to the entire want of confidence in the public mind, has reduced trade in every department, to a perfect stand, and consequently, left them without the means of obtaining a livelihood for themselves and families; It is also with extreme regret, they feel it their duty to inform your Lordships, that recent events have called forth feelings of an hostile character on the part of the French, towards the English, which we hoped had long

ceased to exist, thus rendering their position, one of
insecurity and destitution.

We therefore implore you as the rulers of the
which gave us birth, to take our case into your serious and
mediate consideration.

Gloomy as are our prospects here, we feel
that our return to England, would present no bright
as for the paralysed state of trade there, holds out not
the best hope of our obtaining employment; if therefore we return
England, it will be with the certain prospect of becoming
burden to our Countrymen, and inmates of the already
crowded work-houses.

Having therefore put you in possession of
facts, we take the liberty of suggesting the following plan,
you can render us effectual assistance:

The plan we propose is Emigration to
British Colonies, South Australia preferred, where
are scarce and labour wanted; our experience here, having
us the great advantage they possess who live under the
of the British Government.

We, your Memorialists, pledge themselves
of good moral character, and industrious habits, in the pos-
session of health and strength, and men whose feelings

the idea of becoming a burden to their Native Land. —

If therefore you can provide us with the means of free Emigration, we shall cheerfully and gratefully accept them, but if, unfortunately it is out of your power to grant our request on these conditions, we are quite willing, to enter into an engagement to refund a part or the whole expense incurred after arrival, in any way which you in your discretion may think fit.

Should the prayer of your Memorialists be granted you will confer a benefit upon a body of men, who will in a life, look back with heartfelt gratitude to those who now set the destinies of their native land. —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Edw^d. Lander. Chairman
O. Lowe
Joseph James
John Clarke
John Davis } Commit^{tee}
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