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Stanley Falkland Islands

May 14th 1953

Sir

We the undersigned most respectfully implore Her Majesty's Government will be pleased to change us from this to some genial climate as we find by experience that we cannot support our families here by our agricultural labour and as old Soldiers and Pensioners we look to Her Majesty's Government the same as children to their parents and most respectfully implore that Her Majesty's Government will be pleased to look to our families, as it is not in our power to make any provision for them in this place for all we have to depend on is our days labour which is scarcely sufficient to keep us as provisions are generally dear here; and we beg most respectfully to state that we are thankful to H. S. the Governor for keeping

The Right Hon^{ble}

The Secretary of War
London

us employed, for there are no others here who can
 give us constant employment and we further
 beg to state with the greatest respect that we
 are willing and will be thankful to be changed
 to New Zealand - New Australia or Van
 Dieman's Land if Her Majesty's Government
 be pleased, and we will ever pray

Signed / Gov^{rs} remarks in pencil -

John Brown	now	Jailer	at about	£60	per annum
Darby ^{his} _{mark} Drennan	employed by Mr Dale	at 1 dollar	per d.		
Edward ^{his} _{mark} Roach	3/ per day	on Gov ^t Works			
William ^{his} _{mark} Brown	left the	Colony			
Mark ^{his} _{mark} Ring	employed by the F. J. Compt ^{rs} Agent				
Patrick Byrne		80			
John Smith	confirmed drunkard	with 2/ of per			
Matthew Humphreys	3/ a day	on Gov ^t Works			
Thomas McDonnell	3/	80	80		
William Stokes	3/	80	80		
Patrick ^{his} _{mark} French	3/	80	80		
Thomas ^{his} _{mark} Killalia	lost his arm and incapable	from doing			
	keeping such light employment as the	provided for him			
Patrick ^{his} _{mark} Fleming	dead				

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We further beg to state that His Excellency
Governor Reine refused to forward this Memorial
and also forbid the Sergeant Major to send
it which caused us to take the liberty of sending
it ourselves

Gov^{rs} Remarks.

Beef	2 ^d	per pound
Flour	2. 5 ^s	per barrel
Sugar	4 ^d	per pound
Coffee	6 ^d	per pound
Tea	3 ^d	per pound

Signature of
Governor