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To

His Excellency
The Governor in Council

The Memorial of the
Undersigned Members of
Council Bankers Merchants
Traders and others European and
Chinese inhabitants of Ararat
and its Vicinity.

Most respectfully Sheweth

1. That this Gold field was originally discovered by Chinese Miners and thence received the name of the "Canton Lead".
2. That since then and until lately a large Chinese population has been located in the District.
3. That during the whole time their conduct has been good while the duties payable by them have been rigidly enforced by the authorities.
4. That since one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine the diggings have gradually diminished in value and at the present time hardly produce sufficient for the sustenance of the untaxed Miners far less for the payment of the heavy duties especially chargeable on the Chinese.
5. That owing to the causes aforesaid the European Mining population has nearly disappeared while the Chinese population has become diminished from three thousand to less than five hundred souls and from the same causes

added to the rigid collection of the residence duty of Four pounds per annum is daily diminishing.

6. That in consequence the material interests of this Town - the value of property - the trade of the place and the prosperity of the inhabitants are greatly affected.
7. That in our opinion the residence tax levied upon the Chinese population is both unwise impolitic and unjust.
8. That we believe such tax to be a violation of the Law of Nations and of the treaties at present existing between the two Imperial Governments and ought to be abolished.
9. That even if otherwise it is at least partial and unjust and is levied upon and presses most heavily upon the poorest and most helpless class who are least able to bear it.
10. That if the necessities of the State forbid an immediate abolition of the whole duty it ought at least as an instalment of justice and an admission of sounder political views to be greatly reduced.
11. That we believe that if the tax in question were reduced to one half - say Two pounds per annum and collected throughout the Colony with the same strictness as here that a much larger gross amount would be paid into the Treasury than is at present collected at the heavy rate of Four pounds per head.
12. That the tax for the past two quarters of this year has been generally collected in this District.
13. That the sterility of the diggings - the poverty of the Chinese and the inclemency of the season would in our opinion render a further collection of the duty during this and the ensuing quarter at least unwise inconsiderate and harsh.
14. That in fact in our opinion the further collection of the duty from the Chinese in this District ought to be stayed until a reconsideration of the question of the reduction of the duty by the Legislature shall take place as hereinafter referred to.
15. That in the event of such reduction the duty of Two pounds already paid by the Chinese of this District in respect of the past two quarters of this year should exempt them from any further payment during the present year and should be deemed as their annual payment at the reduced rate.

Your Memorialists therefore most respectfully pray that your Excellency in Council will direct that a clause may be introduced into one of the Bills now before

Parliament reducing the Residence Tax upon the Chinese from Four pounds to Two pounds per annum - that such reductions shall take effect so that the payments already made during the current year may be deemed payment thereunder and that the further collection here until such measure be passed may be stayed.

And Your Memorialists
will ever pray &c

Dated at Ararat this eighteenth day of June 1861.

Name	Description	Residence
J. B. Smith	Chairman of Municipal Comm. Ararat	Ararat
J. McGillivray	J.P. - M. M. C.	Ararat
W. Roberts	M. M. C.	Ararat
B. Simons	M. M. C.	Ararat
W. H. Eager	M. M. C.	Ararat
M. Mitchell	M. M. C.	Ararat
A. H. Pennington	M. M. C.	Ararat
William H. Chapman	Store Keeper	Taylor St. Ararat
James Maudslayi	Bank Manager	Ararat
W. S. Smith	Bank Manager	Ararat
A. H. H. H.	Bank Agent	Ararat
James Maudslayi	Woolgrower	Ararat

Name	Description	Residence
Miss Anne	Merchants	Ararat
James Tuson	Baker	Ararat
John K. Ford	Brewer	Ararat
Wm. Shyberg	Tobaccoist	Bank St. Ararat
John Cassidy	Drummer	Ararat
Williamson	Shop Merchants	Ararat
H. P. H. Co.	Publican of the Pub	Bank Street
John Goodie	Sole Leather Manufacturer	Jump Town
Peter Leath	Shoemaker	Ararat
Benjamin Furst	Tobaccoist	Ararat
George Thomas	Shoe Maker	Ararat
John Crouch	Boot Maker	Bank Street
George George	Boot Maker	Ararat
Alexander McNeil	Restaurant Keeper	Bank St. Ararat
Richard Williamson	Butcher	"
John Wright	do	"
John Wilson	do	"
James Hain	do	"
John Mc Gibbon	Water Maker	Bank St. Ararat
Charles Lane	Butcher	Bank St. Ararat
John Kelso	Butcher	Bank St. Ararat
Robert Leslie	Painter	Bank St.
James Mcintosh	Baker	do
John Logan	Shoemaker	Ararat
Samuel Laundry	Grocer	Bank Street
John Ann	Baker	Bank St.
John Cairns	Baker	do
George Blundell	Grocer	do
Joseph R. Collins	Sailor	do
Alexander Lillie	Boot Maker	Bank St.
James Macleod	Merchant	Bank Street
John Robertson	Baker	Bank Street
Andrew Robertson	Carpenter	do
John Dickson	Courier	do
John Dickson	Merchant	do
Miss Mary Robinson	Grocer	do
Miss James	Cabinet Maker	do
Thomas Turner	do	do
Thomas Turner	do	do
John H. H.	Merchant	Ararat
Joseph H.	Merchant	Ararat

Name	Description	Residence
James Callan	Surgeon	Ararat
Mr. White	Apotrou	The Hospital Ararat
Mr. Wood	Sea dog	Bachly Street
Mr. O'Brien	Hotel Keeper	Bachly Street
Mr. Williams	Storekeeper	Bachly St
William Anderson	Drafter	Calcutta
Levi Spall	Printer	Ararat Hospital
James Goodrich	Secretary	Bachly St Ararat
Robt Fortato	Cheese	Bachly St Ararat
Charles W. Wilson	Boot Maker	Bachly St Ararat
Thomas Linnane	Black Smith	Bachly St Ararat
James McEwen	Store Keeper	Commissioners Hill
Robert Allan	Merchant	Bachly St Ararat
John Loney	Boatman	Pleasant Hill Road
Thomas Barrett	Cath. Clergy	Heart Peak Road
William Young	Left Hand Tailor	High St Ararat
J. Scrimshaw	Starbuser	View Point
John Bruce	Merchant	New Point
William Martin	Blacksmith	New Point Ararat
John K. Co.	Blacksmith	New Point Ararat
John Barron	Butcher	New Point Ararat
Samuel Sheffield	Storekeeper	New Point Ararat
Robert Clark	Wheelwright	New Point Ararat
William Holt	Carpenter	New Point
Thomas Lyner	Builder	New Point Ararat
John Hancock	Hotel Keeper	do do
Charles Hammond	Age Keeper	do do
Stephen Owen	Baker	do do
Jonathan Smith	Hotel Keeper	View Point
Mr. Hooper	Cheese	View Point
John Gesswith	Miner	Pangaroo Hill Co
John Macintosh	Cartier	Pleasant Hill Road
John Wright	Miner	Pleasant Hill Road
John Northam	Miner	Troybridge Mine Co
Charles Hacker	Miner	Farmers Co
William Fogel	Miner	Farmers Co
James H. Stanton	Miner	Farmers Co
Oliver Hunter	do	do
Alb. Park	do	do
Wm Cunningham	do	do
John Leck	Miner	Farmers Hill Camp
Yates Klein	do	do
Nicholas Werner	do	do

Name	Description	Residence
Pabbist Werner	Miner	German Tunnel Comp.
Erich Rosenberger	"	"
August Schneider	"	"
Ernst Gabel	"	"
Ernst Krenzel	"	"
廣源	Thong Quen	Chinese Camp Blackbird
恒興	Hung King	"
新天和	Sun Tin Hoo	"
亞榮	A Ming	"
陳堂雄	Chun Koon Hung	"
劉輝	Low Sy	"
梁河	Leong Ho	"
春和堂	Chun Ho Tong	Chinese Chemist
亞亦	A Ming	Miner
志女	Chu Kuy	"
亞育	A Yut	Carpenter
余進	Yu Chuen	Miner
世維	Sye Wye	Restaurant Keeper
亞威	A Sing	"
帝紀	Chung Kee	Miner
何樓	Ho Low	Miner
劉麗	Low Sy	"
亞禧	A He	"
葉華	Hong Ho	"
亞漢	A Hon	"
亞相	A Seong	"
金勝	Kum Sing	"
劉何	Low Ho	"
亞曉	A Hew	"
陸南	Chun Nam	"
陸湘	Chun Seong	"
亞松	A Chung	"
浪枝	Sing Che	"
亞灣	A Wan	"
亞恩	A Yan	"
亞法	A Tak	"
亞琮	A King	"
亞可	A Ho	"
亞燦	A Chan	"
亞貞	A Ming	"
杜显	To Hui	"
亞凡	A Fan	"
高林	Ho Sun	"
冼波	Sai Po	"
陳汝	Chun Yu	"
亞力	A Lik	"
		White Hill Quarant

Name	Description	Residence
垂升	A Sing	father
徐有	Chu Yow	do
周登	Chow Sang	do
垂体	A Tye	do
垂超	A Ho	do
垂巨	A Ru	do
垂北	A Chew	do
垂洪	A Kung	do
日升	Yat Sing	do
江尧	Rong Yee	do
江余	Yun Heu	do
江礼	Rong Ly	do
江祥	Rong Cheong	do
江才	Rong Hoy	do
江源	Rong Hiew	do
金宜	Gan Hoon	do
金厚	Rum Hong	Great Western
阿吉	A Rut	do
阿俊	Rwong Chuan	do
阿回	A Lye	do
光捐	Rwong Gan	do
妹捐	Mooey Run	do
江支	Rong She	do
河支	Hu She	do
河天	Hu Sheu	do
河四	Sok Lye	do