

picion and distrust," and so thoroughly were the Highlanders aroused that Williams found some difficulty in preventing them from breaking out in mutiny. To avoid this, he proposed that the captain should be waited upon and presented with a petition asking for redress.

"A paper, according to the ancient form of the Scottish Courts, was drawn up. It contained many quaint expressions, now obsolete, and was profusely intercolated with Latin law terms. It was the work of the agent and an old schoolmaster, who formerly presided over one of the parish schools of Galloway, but who had resolved to seek his fortune with his friend Sandy in America. The master supplied the Latin, and the agent duly set forth the grievances. The document was a formidable one. Its composition occupied the pair a whole day and night, and much argument and controversy were expended about the construction of the sentences and the placing of the Latin terms. On being presented to the passengers the memorial met with a general approval, and obtained the signature of all the leading men among them."

Some time and some consideration was expended in the composition of the committee. Williams, and the schoolmaster were both nominated and "then a discussion arose as whether one of the Elders or Hector Campbell, the piper, who claimed kinship with the McCallum More himself, would be the most eligible. The Elder, however, declined to act—and the kirk was not represented on that memorable occasion. Hector consented on condition that he would be allowed to take the pipes and play "The Campbells are Coming," on the march from the forecastle to the cabin. This wild proposal was over-ruled, and Hector finally consented to go as a citizen emigrant."

The Captain, received the delegation courteously, and "the memorial was read by the schoolmaster; the laws to which it referred were duly explained by the agent. Hector does not appear to have distinguished himself on this occasion. Music was his forte, and deprived of his instrument, he was nobody. He knew but little English and less Latin, and as neither Gaelic nor music were required in the cabin,