

## APPENDIX D.

I HAVE alluded to the danger threatening Australia of being swamped by an influx of Chinese. It is surprising how soon they make themselves at home in a country, and seek to get their share of the best that is going. Years ago, when an advance in Protective duties was proposed in Victoria, a Chinaman, who had married a European wife, got his wife to address to a Royal Commission this statement of his claim for a duty:

"Possum Gully, September, 1882.

"My husband, who is a good Chinaman, wants to know if you will put a big duty on the birds' nests that his people bring to this country, *as it is only the rich boss Chinamen that use them.* He has found out how to make them from sparrows' nests, so if you put about five shillings on each nest he will make them,

"Yours respectfully,

"ANNIE A."