

Shortly after 7 o'clock the MAYOR took the chair, supported by the Hon. Mr. Howe, Major Carmichael-Smyth, Mr. Sheriff Payne; Aldermen Laishley, Tucker, Bienvenu, Williams, and J. Lankaster; Councillors Harman, Stebbing, Davis, Degee, Douglas, J. Clark, C. Lock, Ellyett, Brinton, and Mayoss; Mr. Senior Bailiff White; Captain Peacock, Captain May, and Captain Keele; the Rev. H. Taylor, Dr. Harding, J. S. Eldridge, Esq., J. Iselin, Esq., E. Coxwell, Esq., H. Clark, Esq., M.D., J. Wiblin, Esq., T. Falwey, Esq., J. Sharp, Jun., Esq., — Bassett, Esq., G. Pocock, Esq., Messrs. E. Mayes, W. Lankester, &c. &c. The hall was crowded throughout the evening, and the greatest interest was manifested in the proceedings until the late hour of 11 o'clock, at which hour the meeting closed.

The TOWN CLERK read the requisition, and also letters which had been received from B. M. Wilcox, Esq., M.P., John Rodney Croskey, Esq., (United States Consul,) and T. Powell, Esq., (Collector of Customs,) severally regretting that unavoidable causes prevented their attendance.

The MAYOR said that they were called together that evening to consider as important a question as had ever occupied their attention—to memorialise the Government to give all the encouragement in their power to free emigration. It had been mentioned to him by several persons that the port of Southampton stood in a most prominent position, but the people had not exerted themselves as they ought to have done. He (the Mayor) had waited, with others of the Corporation, on the Hon. Mr. Howe; and he was pleased to find that that gentleman had previously named Southampton as one of two ports in England most qualified for an emigration port. (Applause.) In consequence of their interview with Mr. Howe that meeting was got up; and now they would hear from his lips an explanation of his views regarding increased emigration, and the advantages likely to accrue to the working classes of this country. That gentleman would show them the advantages of emigration to one of our own colonies, at a comparatively small distance, and little comparative