

groaned under the bitterest effects of oppression? The more feeble and helpless an individual may be, the more strong are the calls on the powerful to render assistance to such an individual, in order to see that he may be assured of justice.

The claims I have on your Lordship are those of humanity—they arise from that love to justice in your Lordship, so abundantly known through the world. My overweaning desire to find the celestial flower of justice growing somewhere in the garden of man, influences me to apply to your Lordship, with the fond hope, that you may yet point to where it does exist.

I am a man, I am a British subject, faithful to all its duties, and therefore ought to be protected by that government which I have so faithfully served. In the room of receiving that protection, I have been robbed of my property, my liberty and my fair fame, by that very government to whose service I have, for forty years past, devoted all my energies; and am now left, at the age of seventy five, destitute, forlorn and helpless.

I have in vain sought redress, both from the Provincial and Imperial Governments. From the Provincial Government I sought redress by petition, remonstrance and entreaty, for more than thirty years, without being able to draw the least notice to my complaints, not even a reply to my applications. When I carried my complaints to the Colonial Office in Downing Street, I was, for the first time, honoured with a reply to my application. But the answer proved to be a fatal end to all my rational expectations. By the answer, I was required to furnish documents from the various offices in this Province, in support of my complaints, when it was well known, from my own showing, that I had not the means to meet such an expence; and that the want of those means arose entirely from the wrong of which I complained. By this procedure even inquiry was strangled in the birth, by the advantage which government had taken of their own wrongs. I cannot avoid the painful consideration that government have, by baffling excuses, and by perplexing evasions obstructed the course of justice, in violation of that solemn duty, which

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