

Count Beauregard

Count Beauregard was a refugee in England, and was for two years an officer of the Lancers. He joined in 1894, and resigned his commission in 1896. Subsequently he went out to Kimberley, and joined the Boer forces. He fell in battle near Pretoria.

The man who found in days gone by
A refuge and a home
On British soil, yet dared to fly
When foes were seen to come —
Nay, who allied himself with those,
And fought his steadfast friend,
Deserved to die with Britain's foes,
And meet a graceless end.

But Britain still shall yield a home
To homeless refugees
Expelled from fatherland, who come
In haste across the seas;
And treachery shall still repay
The kindness Britain shows:
It is the way — the wicked way —
Of thankless, treacherous foes.