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I have known Mr. Bolbin nearly 20 years: for 14 years he lived exactly opposite to me in Margum's Court and during that time he and his family were, I may almost say, under my daily inspection. I can bear witness to the assiduity with which he performed the duties of his office and I can moreover state that in times when sheepstealing was more frequent than it is now, his care in entering into his books the marks on the animals brought to the slaughter house, was of great benefit in detecting (and perhaps in diminishing) the commission of that offence. I can bear testimony also to the exemplary manner in which with slender means he has brought up a numerous family. Mr. Bolbin and his wife are individually and highly respected and by none more so than Lady Pedder and myself and I beg to recommend his memorial to the most possible consideration of the Government.

J. Pedder
Dec. 16. 1843

I have known Mr. Bolbin and his family for about 15 years, I entirely agree with Sir John Pedder as to his conduct, character and merits. I know no man in his station in the Colony who deserves or bears a higher character than Mr. Bolbin in every respect. It is with great pleasure I reflect upon his character and respectfully signify my concurrence with Sir John Pedder and beg strongly to recommend his Memorial for the most favorable consideration of the Government.

29th Dec. 1843
A. Montagu

I can add but little to the above. I have the highest opinion of Mr. Bolbin's probity and character in every way - he has been a faithful servant of His Govt. and now in his old age has an honest claim to the consideration of the B. Govt. in the way of pension.

Mr. Foster 26 Dec.

As an old Officer serving under the Government I beg permission to record my humble testimony in favour of Memorialists for his very excellent & praiseworthy department both in his Public & private Capacity during the long period of twenty years.

J. Fletcher
27th Dec. 1843

Having known the Petitioner during a period of 26 years,
I can with great pleasure bear testimony as to his worth, and
as the Father of a Family, never having heard one word to his
disadvantage during the time I have known him and as a
Public Servant he has I believe given general satisfaction.
I beg respectfully to recommend him to the favourable
considerations of the Government

Wm. Kennedy
Free Masons Hotel
2 Jan'y 1844

We have known the Petitioner for several years and
we can bear testimony to his having been a faithful servant
of the Government

C. Swanton
John Kerr
G. Hayes