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To His Excellency  
Sir George Grey R.C.B.  
Governor and Commander  
in Chief of the Colony  
of the Cape of Good Hope  
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The Memorial of Amos and John  
Boucher of Winterberg, Farmers,  
surviving heirs of the Estate of the  
late Priesthood Boucher  
Stumbly Sheweth:

That your Memorialists  
Brother Priesthood Boucher died  
intestate in or about the month  
of January 1857 leaving a certain  
Farm called 'Fountain Head'  
situate on the Winterberg which  
was the joint property of Amos  
and the deceased, and in whose  
name the said Farm is registered  
in

Let the  
Court of Wards  
issue a certificate  
that they can be  
used in this case.  
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in the Land Registry of this Colony

That besides your Memorialists' there are other Heirs residing in England, who are in very indifferent circumstances, and are desirous of emigrating to this country, and for whom, through your Excellency's kind consideration, a free passage has been granted, and who may therefore shortly be expected.

That the appointment of Executor Dative to the Estate of the deceased Priesthood Boncher was conferred upon Mr John James Gunn, of Fort Beaufort, Auctioneer who in his joint capacity as Auctioneer and Executor is particularly desirous of disposing of the Farm by auction, although your Memorialists' are strenuously opposed to such a measure, tending, as it will do, to involve the Estate in unnecc.

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daily expenses, more especially as  
your Memorialists' wish to retain  
the Farm at a valuation for the  
benefit of the whole of the surviving  
heirs, and are quite willing to  
meet all the liabilities upon the  
Estate of their deceased Brother.

That the sole object  
contemplated by your Memorialists  
in wishing to continue possession  
of the Farm, is to enable the several  
members of the Family to cooperate  
with each other in the maintenance  
of their respective Families, and  
as they are all industrious, there  
is no doubt they will assist in  
giving effect to your Excellency's  
measures in introducing such a  
class of Emigrants.

That your Memorialists  
beg respectfully to refer your  
Excellency to an extract of a letter  
received

received from the Reverend John James of Avington Rectory, Hungerford, Berks under date 8<sup>th</sup> July 1857 in which amongst other things that reverend Gentleman remarks in allusion to your Memorialists' relatives.

" You may judge how poor they are, when I tell you that Charles only earns 10<sup>s</sup>. a week. his eldest boy of 10 years 2<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup>, and the second boy of 8 4<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> a week so that 8 persons have to live on 14<sup>s</sup>. a week. I need not say that they are occasionally in great want, and that I think it right frequently to assist them out of our parochial alms fund, as well as out of our private means. It is with great pleasure that I add that the whole family are quite as meritorious as they are needy. Charles wife Marianne is a pattern of industry and good management "

That Memorialists' have  
addressed a Letter to the Master  
of the Supreme Court praying  
that the said Farm may be  
allowed to be retained by the  
Family, but to which your  
Memorialists' have received no  
reply, and your Memorialists  
respectfully and urgently pray  
that your Excellency will be  
pleased to interpose on their  
behalf, with a view to their wishes  
being realised, and thus afford  
your suppliants and their rela-  
tives the opportunity of providing  
for themselves an honest livelihood  
by jointly cultivating the said  
Farm

And your Memorialists will,  
as an duty bound, ever pray

A<sup>ts</sup> Memorialists  
J. J.

