

Manuscript petition of the servants of The Retreat to The Retreat Committee, asking whether East India sugar could be bought instead of West India sugar, because of the oppression of the slave trade, 16 January 1827

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An humble Petition from the Petrean
Servants, to the Petrean Committee on
behalf of buying East India Sugar instead
of West India Sugar, by reason of the great
oppression of the Slave Trade even in the
British Dominions; there being no less
than eight hundred ^{thousand} Slaves in these Dominions.
These poor Slaves are deprived even of the
privilege of learning to read and to attend
places of Worship. By their cruel Masters,
Not only so, but they work hard all the day
and frequently by the night and some
times the whole night and live on a
scanty Subsistence and killed off like
old Horses, and are sold as beasts in the
Markets both men and Women and their
hard Task Masters standing over them with a
whip and flog them at their Pleasure.
Slaves are torn from their wives and
Children and Wives from their Husbands
and Children by the Slave holders and
Dealers without pity, Compassion, or
feeling. Oh that the Petrean Committee
would take those things into Consideration
and grant East India Sugar instead
of West India Sugar which will be
a great relief to the minds of the Petitioners.
As well as setting a good example
to all that may see their Petition.
The Petitioners sign their names
as advocates for East India Sugar
Instead of West India Sugar.

I John Richardson has drawn up
this Petition on behalf of the Retreat
Servants who are advocates for
East India Sugar instead of West India
Sugar.

Therefore John Richardson
signs his Name among the Servants
the Petitioners to the Retreat Committee
for East India Sugar instead of
West India Sugar.

John Richardson

Retreat 1st Month 16th
1827

John Mansbrough

Edward Graham

Whitaker Jorby

~~Proctor~~

Ann Ray

George Binns

W. S. Hart

Oliver Stead

Frances Wickett

R. Hall

A. Burgess

Harriet Puckrin

Mary Procter

Elizabeth Taylor

Harriet Hall

Louisa Taylor

Rich. Gage

Elizabeth Keim

Ann Regal

Elizabeth White

Anna Lawdington

E. Hall

E. Battisley

H. Strother

Ann Battisley

Ann Brown

It is understood

that the West India

Sugar is manufactured

by Slaves and the

East India Sugar

by Free men

The Cruel Oppression of the Slave
Trade Now lies near the hearts of the ^{many} ~~thou~~
May all that have talents use them
For the Abolishing of this most
abominable and Detestable Trade
That the Lord may become more
and more glorified in the Earth
That all men may be free and come
into the liberty of the Sons of God.
and all Slaveholders swept from the
face of the Earth or come to repentance

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