

THE FOLLOWING IS THE PETITION OF THE PROTESTANTS OF IRELAND
IN FAVOUR OF CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION, TO BOTH HOUSES OF
PARLIAMENT.

WE the Subscribers, hereunto, do most humbly petition your Honorable house in favour of our brethren and fellow subjects, the persons professing the Roman Catholic religion.

They apply to Parliament to be admitted to the privileges and franchises of the constitution.

We, their Protestant brethren, do consider such application to be just. We do most heartily join the Catholics in this their loyal and reasonable request; and convinced of its policy as well as its justice, we do most zealously implore your Honourable house to comply with the prayer of said petition, and to relieve the persons professing the Roman Catholic religion from all civil and political disabilities.

SIGNATURES OBTAINED IN BELFAST.

Nathaniel Cairns	David Bigger	John Thompson
George Crawford	J. Martin	Adam M ^c Clean
Thomas How	Samuel Kirkpatrick	Joseph Stevenson
Thomas S. Robinson	William Thompson	John Ward
James Forsythe, M.D.	Thomas Vance	Thomas Ward
Robert Bradshaw	Thomas John Andrews	Francis M ^c Cracken
Cunningham Greg	John M ^c Adam	Henry Joy
Robert Bailie	William Sproull	Will Stevenson
Robert Davis	Stewart Dunn	Robert Cunningham
Robert Callwell	William Murphy	John M ^c Cracken
S. S. Thompson, M.D.	Samuel Greer	James Cunningham
William Simms	John Galt Smith	Robert Boyd Holmes
William Boyd	William Mulrea	George Langtry
Samuel M ^c Clean	Thomas Cunningham	John Haslett
John Macartney	John Campbell	William Radcliff
Allen Barklie	Robert Trail	Samuel Rankin
William Park	John Hunter	William M ^c Clure
George Ash	William M ^c Clean	Robert Delap
James Orr	John Marshall	John M ^c Connell
Robert Getty	Thomas Corbutt	Robert Luke
George Black	Robert James Tennent	Robert M ^c Kibbin
James M ^c Cleery	William Ware	John Knox
William Tennent	David M ^c Coard	John Wilson
Hugh Crawford	William Crossen	James Bailie
Arthur Crawford	George Forcade	George M ^c Adam
Andrew M ^c Clean	James Blow	Thomas O'Neill
Campbell Graham	Charles Blackwood	Alexander Haslett
Alexander Stewart	Israel Miliken	George Whitla
John Kennedy, jun.	Alexander M ^c Donnell	Samuel Bryson
Robert M ^c Dowell	Archibald Scott	Richard Ashmore
R. Montgomery	Robert Rowan	William Neilson
John Patterson	Daniel Blow	H. F. Grimshaw
Samuel Brown	Robert Black	Cunningham Boyle
Robert Gamble	Robert Carson	John Sinclair
Robert Steel	Samuel Little	James Ramsey
John Ashmore	Joseph Smyth	William Arthur
Samuel Campbell	John W. Ferguson	James Young
William Herdman	Drummond Anderson	Wm. Brown
William J. Whitla	Edwd. May, M.P. for Belfast	Robt. Knox
Robert Nielson	Robert Simms	Robert M ^c Gee, M.D.
James Luke	John Templeton	James M ^c Connell
Robert Grimshaw	John Vance	Charles Kennedy
Andrew J. Barnett	William Magee	James Jackson
John Cramsie	Richard Staplea	William Hammill

Andrew Marshall	John M^cCance, J. P. Suffolk	Mathew Black
Archibald Wilson	James Munfoad	James M^cAdam
James Dunn	Samuel Beck	John M^cAlister
Robert Burns	William Ritchie	William Drennan, M.D.
Henry L. Gardner	John Bell	Thomas M^cCabe
Robert Neill	Hugh M^cKibbin	John Gray
William Newsam	William Tucker	Alexander Blackwell
Thomas Major	James Dunlop	William Davidson
William Cochran	Hugh Wilson	John Rea
John Riddell	John D. Cosgrave	Wm. Brown, Dissenting Mins.
John Gordon	Robert Grogan	William Mattear
Michael Andrews	Hugh Johnson	George J. M^cIntyre
Robert Reid	Victor Coates	Robert Linn, jun.
John Grogan	John Kirkpatrick	Francis Lepper
James Alexander M^cCrea	Robert Haliday	Thomas Carson
James Hamnuill	Joseph Frazer	John Seffern
John Boyle	James Grimshaw	John Lyle
William Nicholl	William Dawson	John Simpson
Hugh M^cColough	Mathew Steele	Andrew M^cCord
Samuel Miller	Christopher Strong	John Shaw
Robert Telfair	Isaac Patton	John Dunville
William Dianen	George Sloan	Michael Lynn
William Douglass	Robert M^cCluney	Samuel M^cCrum
Robert Patterson	Samuel Arrott	Murray Suffern
Samuel Gibson	Alexander Barr	John Carley
Robert Brigs	Samuel Archer	James Storey
David Simms	Lewis Reford	Thomas Grimshaw
Thomas Richardson	William Hunter	Daniel English
William Auchinleck	James M^cClean	James M^cMaster
Campbell Sweeny	Robert Dunn	Wm. Owens, Holeston
James Williamson	James Blair	James Ferguson, Tildaig
Alexander Orr	James Stewart	Francis Huddleston
John Robinson,	James T. Kennedy	Nathan Fulton
John M^cCrum	Charles Lepper	[Minst. Robert English
James Pollock	Robt. Acheson, A.M. Dissent.	William Maxwell
Robert Tennent, M.D.	A. Mackay	John Whittle
James M^cDonnell, M.D.	Alexander Park	Robert M^cAdam
John Cunningham	William Telfair	Samuel Tennent.

NAMES OBTAINED IN LISBURN.

John Hancock	George Whitla	Francis Thompson
Richard Fulton	Henry Bell	Richard B. Pelan
Robert Fulton	A. M^cCulloch, Bangor	William Gray
John Kennedy	Alex. Hunter,	William John Hancock
James Ward	Robt. A. Johnston	John Rogers
William Thompson	John Shaw, jun. Belfast	Alexander Crawford, M.D.
Joseph Fulton	John Boyd	Thomas Crawford
Christopher Meade	John Smith	Rev. James Forewood, Pro-
Jacob Hancock	James Black, Drumbo	testant Minister of Lam-
Alex. Williamson, Lambeg.	Andrew Fulton	beg
William Hancock	Wm. Hawkshaw, J. P. and	George Macferran, Lambeg
George Morewood	J. Q. for Antrim, Down,	Thomas Wolfenden, Lambeg
John M. Stoupe, Glenville	and Armagh Counties	Joseph Wilson, Lambeg
James Kelsey, near Belfast	Samuel Musgrave	James Wallace
Nat. Magee, New-Bridge	H. Garrett, Maragall	John M^cClure
John Charley, Belfast	John M^cCoull, Drumbo	Walter M^cCoull
William Agnew	Robert Hancock	Samuel Kennedy
John Wolfenden [Lambeg	James Wightman	James Ballentine
Robert Williamson, J. P.	William Wightman	

Samuel Bell	Robert Gemmill, Collon	John Roberts, Woodbourne
Walter Coulson	John Barbour, Plantation	James Spence
Robt. Johnston, Seymourhill	Andrew Craig, Presbyterian	Walter Roberts, Woodbourne
John Johnston, Dunmurry	Minister	Jacob Bell, Trumery
William Hunter, Dunmurry	Richard Greer, jun.	Thomas Newburn.
William McCall Derriaghy	George Dunn	

 PUBLIC OCCURRENCES.

 ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOTANIC GARDEN
 AT HULL.

It will gratify the lovers of botany to learn that the projected establishment of a Botanic Garden at Hull, has been successfully carried into execution. A general meeting of the subscribers took place on the 7th of February, to receive the report of the provisional committee, and to form laws for the regulation of the institution. From the former it appears, that five acres of land, a mile distant from the town, have been purchased for £1100, and laid out in a garden, comprising ample space for one specimen of every tree, shrub, and plant, now in the kingdom; a pond thirty yards long, for aquatics; quarters for bog and alpine plants; and ground for hot and green-houses, which will be forthwith erected; the garden will be intersected by spacious gravel walks, forming a total extent of nearly three quarters of a mile. Two neat lodges, one appropriated to the general use of the subscribers, the other to a house for the Curator, have been built; Mr. Donn, nephew to the respectable director of the Cambridge Garden, has been engaged as Curator; and through his exertions and the important advice and assistance of William Roscoe, esq. and of Mr. Shepherd, of the Botanic Garden, at Liverpool, such progress has been made in completing the design, that it is expected the garden will be opened to the subscribers in May next. The report concluded by expressing the hope of the committee, that the friends of the institution would use their exertions towards procuring for the garden the roots and seeds of rare plants, particularly of the British species, and donations of books and dried plants for its library and herbarium.

EDINBURGH INSTITUTE.

In hours of relaxation from business, men will have amusement. The efforts of moralists have therefore, properly been directed to persuade them to adept those, which are not only innocent in themselves, but ultimately lead to mental and moral improvement. Sentiments, somewhat simi-

lar to these, have lately been diffused, with uncommon rapidity, among the thinking part of the people of Scotland; and various societies have arisen for the purpose of promoting the dissemination of knowledge. Views, something analogous to them, must have actuated a few individuals in Edinburgh; for they in September 1810, formed a society, to which they gave the name of "the Edinburgh Institute." The principal object this institution has in view, is, to have lectures delivered in a popular manner, on scientific and literary subjects, at a moderate expense, (so moderate as to make it accessible to all who have the least taste for such studies*) and at convenient hours to those whose professional avocations prevent them from attending academical prelections. It is also intended that a meeting shall be held monthly, for reading original papers, on scientific, philosophical, or literary subjects. The members, however, being mostly engaged in the active bustle of commercial pursuit these papers have not hitherto been numerous. The management of this institution is vested in a council of twenty, elected annually from among the members. The Rev. William Tennant, L.L.D. M.A.S. is the present president. The arrangement for the second session, which commenced on the first of October 1811, and will terminate in May 1812, are lectures on natural philosophy, meteorology, electricity, and galvanism, philosophy of history, and oratory. There is reason to suppose that the professors of the Edinburgh university look upon this institution in a favourable manner, already has one of them†, with the munificent liberality of a great mind, given the most substantial proofs of his approbation. The founders of the institution have several ulterior projects in view, such as the purchase of a complete set of philosophical apparatus, the formation of a museum, &c. but the execution of these plans must eventually depend upon the support which the citizens of Edinburgh are diapo-

 * One guinea annually.

† Professor Christison.