

My dear Sir ————— Hawthridge 20 June 1857

The Anti-transportationists have issued another violent declaration or address to Government - I therefore think we should not let it pass without opposition, and that the plan I suggest, will have most effect with least trouble and expence - many will not mind writing who would not trouble themselves to attend. The expence of postage and advertising would not be great - I will willingly subscribe £1 - & about 9 or 10 signatures (respectable) to the advertisement would be sufficient - I shall write to Mr D. Cameron Mr Gunn Mr Sinclair Mr Leake Mr Aleson Mr Lord - and hope to have your early reply and opinion and amendments. To wit to insert in the papers the following advertisement headed and altered as may be generally according to the opinions of yourself and others

yours truly W Wood

To the Inhabitants of B D Land - (or any other heading that may be more fitting)

The late occurrences in New South Wales, must, (we think) convince many whose opinions have hitherto been doubtful or even adverse to a limited continuance of transportation, that its sudden cessation must now most materially injure and perhaps entirely ruin the prospects of our agriculturists, and is only supportable by the extensive sheep farmer - And that the ruin of agriculturists must inevitably lead in a great degree to the depopulation of the colony, and to the poverty of such mechanics and tradesmen as may remain in it -

We therefore invite those who may hold like opinions to meet at _____ at _____ o'clock on _____ to nominate a committee who may be entrusted to make such representations to the Governor or else where as may seem to them most likely to be beneficial -

The principle of cessation at a limited period, being in no case departed from -

Those gentlemen who may not be able to attend are requested to state by letters ^{or direct to any of the undersigned} signed either individually or by themselves and friends, the persons whom they would they would wish to appoint to a committee, in support of transportation for a limited period -

W Wood J. J. lat
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Secure the best numbers
 I have been copying in the
 spare time (I have enclosed a plan of
 making an address for the same
 + perhaps I to any of the persons who may
 sign the advertisement to be committed
 before the day of meeting to the persons of
 meeting - the expense of printing to be divided