

that folded and directed as the others were *one penny* per dozen must be paid on putting them into the office after which they go free. Think not, my dear friend, I want to set thee writing, knowing how unfit it is for thee, rather than *that*, I would trust to some other opportunity but Richard Shackleton our kind & worthy brother in the cause, would press them into the service in thy name, or thy sister's, for this purpose a single letter might be addressed or rather directed to some leading member, and inside apprized that it is for himself, and every other person, mentioning them singly by name whom you think at all likely to engage in the cause ; fear not to put down thirty, fifty or as many more as you know, and entreat them in the name of suffering humanity to promote petitions in every part of Ulster where their influence extends ; there cannot be too many provided the signatures be respectable, if we could hear what petitions were got up as a result of their exertions it would be a particular satisfaction ; we have written to London for a large supply of publications on the subject and as soon as they arrive I intend to forward them as charity letters, like the circulars. The friends in Cork have petitioned the upper house as well as the lower addressing them only as Peers without the title Lords spiritual and temporal thinking that if the petition was rejected for want of this formality it might excite a discussion not unprofitable to the cause. I should not be sorry if friends everywhere did the like. . . .

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## Royal Historical Society Membership

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The Hon. Secretary of the Royal Historical Society, 22 Russell Square, London, W.C.1, has sent information about a new class of Associate Membership recently established by the Society, which it is believed will interest some of our members.

Associates are elected in the first place for a period of five years. Their applications shall be supported either by two Fellows, or by an accredited historical scholar, or by the Council of an Historical or Record Society. The annual subscription from Associates is one guinea and they receive the *Transactions*, may attend ordinary meetings and use the Library for reference purposes.