

# Public Petitions to Parliament, 1833-1918

ProQuest introduces the next addition to the UK Parliamentary Papers collection – Public Petitions to Parliament, 1833-1918. The collection includes Records of the Select Committee on Public Petitions, allowing researchers to gain insight on the formative role of petitions to Parliament during the 19th century (1833-1918), an unparalleled period of political modernization and democratization in Britain.

Public Petitions to Parliament are very important indicators of the views and priorities of both the populace and Parliament. How Parliament addresses the petition, or doesn't address it, is a stark indicator of political and social priorities.

Petitioning was by far the most popular form of political participation, but it has long been overlooked by historians and social scientists preoccupied with elections and election rituals, campaigns to extend the right to vote, and the rise of national political parties. However, the utility to scholars of public petitions is not just limited to political historians studying the groundswell of public pressure for the expansion of the voting franchise.

This material appeals to all social, cultural, and religious scholars of Britain, and contains materials on:

- Petitions on ecclesiastical issues.
- Crime and criminals.
- Colonies, taxation, education, and every other issue of interest to the populace of Britain.
- Religious scholars interested on Methodism and the Church of England.
- Scientists concerned with pollution and pollution controls during the Industrial Revolution.
- Sociologists concerned with how these issues were influenced by the people.

The popular constitutionalism inherent in this collection (as opposed to the “top down” approach to looking at history), is at the cutting edge of historical research today and has wide appeal across campus.

Included are individually rekeyed metadata records for every one of the more than 950,000 petitions accepted by Parliament between 1833-1918.



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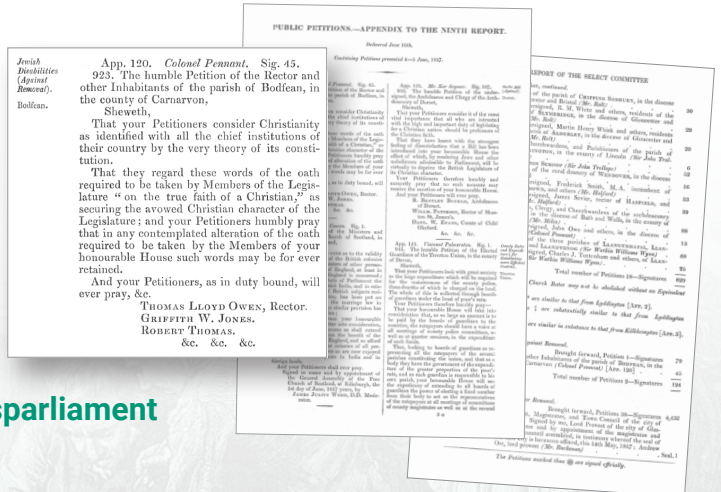
## Deepen and Expand Research and Learning

- Not limited to political historians studying the groundswell of public pressure for the expansion of the voting franchise. Deepen and expand research and learning across disciplines within the historical and social sciences.
- Users will be able to analyze the social, geographical, religious, and gender compositions of these issues of importance to Britons and allow for detailed textual and rhetorical analysis of the petitions.
- With only a few extant copies in the world, this content set is not well known by students and scholars, but is one of the greatest research collections showing the concerns of “the People.”
- From undergraduate to post-doctoral research, access to the Public Petitions will enable new avenues of discovery and provide users the ability to quickly and efficiently navigate this voluminous collection to tease out new perspectives on Britain and its empire.

## Features and Benefits

- Full integration with UK Parliamentary Papers to track the influence of the public, through petitions, on legislation and issues of concern in Parliament.
- Search and retrieval of over 950,000 Petition records, 1833-1918, currently available only in print in a few select libraries, or via Chadwyck-Healey microform (through 1900).
- Find Topic and Petition Sponsor lookup functionality to hone in on topics of interest.
- Results set featuring “at a glance” display of number of petitions and signatures.
- Links from petitions to Member Profile of sponsoring Member of Parliament (MP).
- Member Profile has display of top petition themes, topics, and trends.
- Links from individual petitions to related petitions within a given Parliament.
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