

John Cowell's Petition

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To The Gentlemen that constitute  
the Church Missionary Committee.

The humble Petition of  
John Cowell, formerly Rope-  
maker now working as Labourer  
in H. M. Dock Yard at Chatham

Sheweth,

That your Petitioner having  
served his Apprenticeship to a Rope-maker of the first respecta-  
bility at North Shields, and worked as journeyman seven  
years in H. M. Yard at Chatham, from which places he can  
obtain testimonials of ability, as to his perfect knowledge of  
Rope-making and Twine spinning, and of his good conduct, he  
begs to present himself as a Candidate to join the Mission,  
now about to proceed to New Zealand. Your petitioner's object  
is only to obtain a bare subsistence for himself, Wife, and  
one Child - to use his weak efforts in assisting to promote  
the objects of the Mission, and to perform the pleasing task  
of instructing the unenlightened, having been in the habit  
(for years) of teaching the lower orders of Society. Your petition-  
er begs to add that he will feel happy in making him

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- self useful in any Employment which he may be  
called upon to perform.

And as in duty bound will ever pray  
John Powell.

Brompton

Feb'y 1819.