

I have known Mr. Bellin nearly 20 years: for 14 years he lived exactly opposite to me in Macquarie Street and during that time he and his family were, I may almost say, under my daily inspection. I can bear witness to the assiduity with which he performed the duties of his office and I can moreover state that in times when sheepstealing was more frequent than it is now, his care in entering into his books the marks on the animals brought to the slaughter house, was of great benefit in detecting (and perhaps in diminishing) the commission of that offence. I can bear testimony also to the exemplary manner in which with slender means he has brought up a numerous family. Mr. Bellin and his wife are individually and highly respected and by none more so than Lady Pedder and myself and I beg to recommend his memorial to the most possible consideration of the Government.

J. Pedder  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1843

I have known Mr. Bellin and his family for about 15 years, I entirely agree with Sir John Pedder as to his conduct, character and merits. I know no man in his station in the Colony who deserves or bears a higher character than Mr. Bellin in every respect. It is with great pleasure I reflect upon his character and respectfully signify my concurrence with Sir John Pedder and beg strongly to recommend his Memorial for the most favorable consideration of the Government.

20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1843  
A. Montagu

I can add but little to the above. I have the highest opinion of Mr. Bellin's probity and character in every way - he has been a faithful servant of His Gov<sup>t</sup> and now in his old age has an honest claim to the consideration of the Gov<sup>t</sup> in the way of pensions.

20<sup>th</sup> Dec.

As an Officer serving under the Government I beg permission to record my humble testimony in favour of Mr. Bellin for his very excellent & praiseworthy deportment both in his Public & Private Capacity during the long period of twenty years.

J. Fletcher  
27<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1843

Memorandum of the  
 names of the persons  
 who have signed the  
 memorial in favour of  
 Mr. Bellin  
 J. Pedder  
 A. Montagu  
 J. Fletcher

Having known the Petitioner during a period of 26 years,  
I can with great pleasure bear testimony as to his worth, and  
as the Father of a Family, never having heard one word to his  
disadvantage, during the time I have known him and as a  
Public Servant he has I believe given general satisfaction.  
I beg respectfully to recommend him to the favourable  
considerations of the Government

Wm. Kerne  
New Market Hotel  
2 Jan 1844

We have known the Petitioner for several years and  
we can bear testimony to his having been a faithful servant  
of the Government

C Swanton  
John Kerr  
G. W. Hayes