

Earl of Carnarvon.

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Dear Mr. Gates

I had no idea  
when I wrote to you that the  
state of matters was so desperate  
& even hopeless. I am very  
sorry, and shall be glad to join  
in the memorial, which with  
your practised pen will I  
doubt not take a very  
satisfactory form. The simpler

Earl of Cornwall.



That it is the letter I think.

Believe me Y<sup>rs</sup> faithfully

Camaron,

43. Patmore St<sup>e</sup>

21. May 1886.

No. 135

William Black.

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Gloucester.

May 27

My dear Yates,

I shall be very glad to sign the Memorial to Gladstone on behalf of Scott: the only difficulty is as to how I am to get hold of the document. I shall be skimming about these Western Wilds till the middle of June; & will then be in London for a few weeks before going to the Highlands. Will that

William Black.

do? Or can I authorize any one  
to append my name? If so, this  
note will be sufficient authority.  
A line to the Reform Club will  
always be forwarded.

I am just about to  
attempt to get down the Severn  
in a nondescript house-boat;  
& I sh<sup>d</sup>. think that crossing  
the Atlantic in a coracle  
w<sup>d</sup>. be a fool to that  
experiment.

Yours faithfully  
William Black.