

II.—CONSTITUTIONAL ATTEMPTS AT REDRESS.

Nature.	To whom addressed.	Result.
(A.) APPEALS TO THE TRANSVAAL GOVERNMENT.		
National Union founded at Johannesburg, 1892, and a statement of the grievances drawn up in Dutch was sent out to every burgher.	...	Answered by <i>quasi</i> -official pamphlets disseminated through the country, breathing the bitterest spirit of hostility and having insult in every line.
Constant deputations getting more or less fair promises and little result.		

Continual Rebuffs.

First public meeting, 22nd August, 1892.	Resolution conveyed to the President by deputation.	President said, "Cease holding public meetings and be satisfied. Go back and tell your people I shall never give them anything. I shall never change my policy—now let the storm burst."
Several meetings between 1892 and 1894.		
Petition to Raad for franchise, signed by 13,000, March, 1894.	President and First Volksraad.	Rejected with ridicule.
Petition in favour of expropriation of Netherlands Railway, signed by burghers and Uitlanders, 1895.	President and Volksraad.	The petition was considered by Raad, and President reported to have besought the members not to give heed to it, "because we can do many things through the railway company that we could not do ourselves by reason of the London Convention."
Petition for increase of judicial salaries, and municipal government for Johannesburg, 1895.	Ditto.	
Petition for franchise, signed by 38,500 people, 1895.	Ditto.	Rejected after heated debate, Jozen declaring that if the petitioners wanted their rights they would have to fight for them.

(B.) APPEALS TO THE PARAMOUNT POWER.

Appeal to High Commissioner <i>re</i> commandeered British subject, June, 1894.	...	Sir H. Loch visited Pretoria, and the Transvaal Government undertook to exempt British subjects. (This has never, however, been clearly settled by express enactment.)
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To the Queen for Protection and Redress.

Petition on the murder of Edgar, praying for protection, signed by 5,000, hastily got up, January, 1899.	Her Majesty the Queen.	Not forwarded by British Resident at Pretoria on ground of informality.
Petition praying for protection and redress, signed by 21,600, April, 1899.	Her Majesty, and forwarded by the High Commissioner.	For reply, dated 10th May, 1899, C.P. Parliamentary Paper C.—9345, pp. 226, <i>et seq.</i>