

To the Right Honorable The
Lords of the Admiralty of
Great Britain.

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The undersigned, Citizens of Boston
in the United States of America, of different
religious denominations, respectfully represent.

That by existing arrangements for
the sailing of the Cunard line of Steamers,
between Boston and Liverpool, it becomes
necessary for them to leave this port, on the
Sabbath, whenever that happens to be the
regular day appointed for sailing; and that
this occurs a number of times in the course of
a year. That the sailing of a Steamer on
that day, is a source of deep regret to many
good citizens, who are compelled, whenever
the event happens, either to defer their departure
to a future day, or to yield to an arrangement
which violates their Christian feelings. And
what is still more to be lamented as a

Consequence growing out of the present regulation, is, that aside from the tumult and Confusion necessarily attendant on the sailing of these vessels on the Lords-day, it furnished an occasion for the needless profanation of the day, by thousands, who assemble as spectators on our wharves, to witness their departure.

The undersigned regard a proper observance of the Sabbath, as vital to the general peace, good order and welfare of Society; and they are deeply impressed with the belief, that nothing of a secular, or worldly nature, should be done on that day, by individuals, by governments, or by any of their departments, which is not in the strictest sense, a work of necessity or mercy; and they most respectfully represent that they are unable to perceive, any reasons which render the sailing of Steamers from this port on the Lordsday, such a work: and believing as they do that it will be the pleasure of Your Lordships, at all times, to cherish and promote so far as they may be able, a due observance of the Sabbath, they respectfully

and earnestly, request your Lordships, so to vary the present arrangements, as to the times for the sailing of these Steamers that their departure from this port, shall be changed to another day, whenever the appointed day for sailing, shall fall upon the Christian Sabbath. And they venture to express their Confident belief, that not only the public welfare, but also the private advantage of individuals, concerned in the enterprise, would be ultimately promoted by the arrangements here prayed for.

The undersigned cannot conclude their memorial, without adverting to the high, and responsible station, that has been assigned by Providence to the English and American people in the great work, which they and we rejoice to know, is now so rapidly progressing, of improving the moral and religious Character and Condition of the world. Nor can they be unmindful of the fact, that to the same extent ~~as~~ their standing before the world in this respect, is prominent, so will be the influence of their

example on the nations around them whether
it be good or bad.

~~Remember the sabbath day to keep
it holy is a command of universal and perpet-
ual obligation; and it will not be abolished
at the present day by Christian nations
or individuals whether or not it shall be
obeyed.~~

That the subject here presented, may
receive your Lordships favorable and Chris-
tian consideration is the sincere and earnest
desire of your Lordships most respectful
memorialists.

John C. Warren.

Copy of John C. Warren's Memorial
to the Lords of the
Admiralty
1841.