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Letter about National Insurance from the Associated Ironmoulders of Scotland to government officials, October 1913
(PRO ref: PIN 29/3969)

HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

You need to study the source carefully before you decide whether it supports or contradicts any of the reasons in the Big Question.

ASK YOURSELF:

- What is the problem being faced by the Ironmoulders?
- What do the Ironmoulders feel is wrong with the National Insurance Act?
- Are they opposed to the Act itself or the way it works?
- Do you think Lloyd George would have sympathised with them?

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Associated Ironmoulders of Scotland.

ESTABLISHED 1831.



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REGISTERED OFFICE,

221 WEST GEORGE STREET,

GLASGOW, 20th October, 1913.

Dear Sir,

U. 1696: C.

In reply to your letter of 10th Octr. which I placed before the Executive Council at last Meeting: They instruct me to say that a large number of our Members have been penalised during this year owing to disputes between their Employers and Labourers, etc: whereby our Members were thrown Idle, but not being on Strike or Locked-out, simply Idle - they were not entitled to Benefit with the General Federation of Trade Unions with which we are affiliated. We and the Members referred to, feel very strongly, that when Idle for want of work (So far as they are concerned) thro' no fault of theirs, that they should receive the Benefit provided in Part 2: of the N. I. Act.

Yours faithfully,

John Brown,
Gen. Secy.
per.