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SOURCE FOUR

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(PRO ref: HO 45/2828)*Characters*

4a

good conduct

4b

Appreciated

4c

Port Philip

4d

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How to use this source

Study this source carefully.

1 What impression does this source give of life in the British empire in terms of the following issues:

- the treatment of convicts in Australia?
- the relationship between the British government and the settlers?

2 Explain whether you think this source gives a positive or negative view of the empire.

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to the Colonists, and thus permanently securing these advantageous Openings for the Disposal of well conducted Men.

Without desiring to make any unvidious Distinction between these Colonies, and Van Diemens Land, I think, that those, of whom the Authorities do not entertain so favourable an Opinion might be sent there. The wages are not so high, and they would have a powerful Stimulus to good conduct, in the Desire to obtain a Pardon, and pass over to Port Philip, and South Australia.

Should Sir George Grey entertain this Proposition, I would suggest, that a Ship be taken up for the



Source 4c

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Conveyance of 250 Men with Tickets
of Leave to Van Diemens Land.

I would further recommend, that
a Proposition be submitted for the
Consideration of Lord Grey, for sending
50 more Boys to Western Australia,
where I am happy to observe, that
the Value of their Services appears
to be appreciated by the Colonists.

I am, Sir,

Your obed^t Serv^t

J. J. J. J.
W. C. C.



Source 4d

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Mem^o

For Port Philip.

From Pentonville	about	110
" Leicester and	}	40
" Northampton		
Parkhurst		85
Portland		65
		<u>300</u>

For Van Diemen's Land

From Parkhurst	about	140
The Hulk	"	100
Portland	"	40
* Other Sources	"	70
		<u>250</u>

For Western Australia

From Parkhurst	<u>50</u>
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Total Number that may be removed
in March or April } 600

