

Source 11: Newspapers praise appeal

Throughout the year of 1823, many positive reviews of Sir William Hillary's appeal featured in British newspapers. The reviews praised and promoted Hillary's idea, bringing it to public attention and giving it a wider audience. Newspapers reprinted reviews of the pamphlet from other newspapers, giving it press coverage all over the country, but particular support of Sir William's appeal came from the Manx press.

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"SALES POPULI LEX SUPREMA."
FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1823.

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The design of this philanthropic appeal is, to rouse the public attention to the great importance of the objects recommended, on the score of humanity as well as good policy; and, as the work is distributed gratuitously, no doubt could be entertained of the perfect disinterestedness of the writer, if the character of Sir William Hillary were not already so well known and so highly appreciated.

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These are very comprehensive and truly national objects; and, if his Majesty, to whom the pamphlet is dedicated, should patronize the benevolent plans of the author, the act will be, as the Americans say, "the longest feather in the cap of his achievements."

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