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Testimonial to Dr. Roe, from
the Socy. Meeting, 10 years former
of Westernburgh -

United Service Club

13 June 1860

My dear Mr Roe

Understanding that you are
about to memorialise the Admiralty
on the subject of your long and
faithful Public Services, and
presuming to believe that the
Testimony of one who has served
with you so many years as I have
may be of use to you on this
occasion, I venture to send you
the following statement -

In 1829 an Expedition was

sent out to take possession of
Western Australia, and to form
a colony in that which was then
a country but little known and
the coast of which had been
but cursorily touched at by
English hydrographers - Mr John
Septimus Maclean occupied in the
Hydrographical Office was selected
on the ground of his ability
in nautical surveying as well as
his other recommendations, the
the Surveyor General of the intended
Settlement, and continued to fill
that office during the whole

of my command of the Expedition
and my administration of the
Government of the Colony from
1829 to 1839 - I had the most
ample opportunity to become
thoroughly acquainted with the
value of Mr. Hove's ability and
efficiency, and I do most
conscientiously affirm my belief
that in the fulfilment of the duties
of his Station whether as Surveyor
General or as a Member of the
Executive & Legislative Councils,
Mr. Hove's conduct was uniformly
noble and distinguished by the

highest Deal and Talents -
Mr Rae's labours are matters of
Record not only in Western Australia
but in the Hydrographical Department
of the Admiralty in respect more
especially to the Survey of the
South Western Shores of New Holland
many portions of which have been
examined and delineated by him
in an unrivalled manner,
and I humbly trust that his merit
in this respect as well as in respect
to his previous Naval Services
may meet with the favourable
consideration from the Admiralty -

I am My dear Mr Rae

Yours very faithfully
J. Stirling