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Exploring Diversity in Pennsylvania History

Nativism

Primary Reading

"Mr. Calvert has an objection to an Irish Man..." Letter from John Muir, n.d.

Irish were often discriminated against by employers, particularly for skilled jobs. Here, John Muir sends a letter on behalf of his employer indicating that he will not hire an Irish American for a tailor's job.

D^r Sir,

Mr. Calvert is in want of a Taylor, who is a good Workman, if you have such a one among your number, be pleased to send him down by first good Opportunity with an Am^t of his Price. Mr. Calvert has an objection to an Irish Man, therefore be pleased no to send one of that Nation. I remain,

D^r Sir Your Obedient Srv^t.— John Muir