

**Letter from the Council of Bern to the council of Zurich asking for the refugees to leave**

**(9 September 1693) – extract**

Having offered more fine words than actual relief we insist on the refugees' departure. Hardship has struck in such a way that our country folks [namely inhabitants of the canton of Bern] leave the country, not just by family but in groups and by village and they migrate with no better prospects than the refugees' – and without help.

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