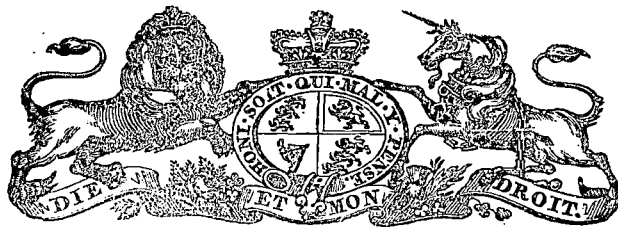


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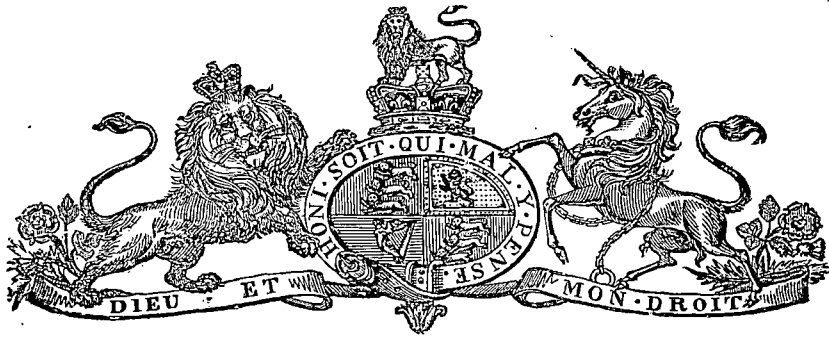
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

PETITION OF MR. P. T. SMITH.

Presented by Mr. Whyte, September 16; and ordered by the Council to be printed, September 17, 1874.



*To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council, in
Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of Philip Thomas Smith.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioner is under the deepest conviction that the Government Education of the Colony is in a very unsatisfactory condition, and requires immediate amendment.

That the Inspector's Reports have from time to time disclosed deficiencies and imperfections, both in the attainments of the Children and the qualifications of the Masters, which represent a standard of educational benefit inconsistent with the expenditure and just expectations of the country.

That this dissatisfaction is general, and is based on one common opinion that an honorary and irresponsible Board is inadequate to the discharge of the functions of so important a department.

That, independently of other defects, no provision has yet been made for an adequate supply of trained Teachers, without which there can be no success.

Your Petitioner therefore respectfully submits to your Honorable House the urgent importance of immediate steps being taken to rectify the aforesaid evils ; the first and most pressing necessity being, in your Petitioner's opinion, the substitution for an honorary head of the department of a paid Officer, whose first duty should be the organisation of a Training School for Teachers.

That your Petitioner is willing to contribute One thousand Pounds towards the establishment of a Training School, upon your Honorable House approving of the project and adopting the necessary means for carrying it out.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Honorable House will forthwith give its most serious attention to these matters, and take such steps as to your Honorable House shall seem meet.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

PHILIP T. SMITH.