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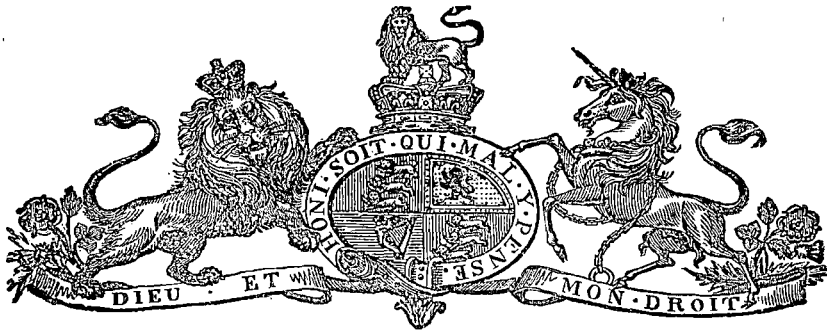
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

POLICE BOAT, THREE HUT POINT.

MEMORIAL FROM INHABITANTS OF PORT ESPERANCE, &c.

*(In continuation of Paper No. 64.)*

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*To the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.*

Memorial of the Inhabitants of Port Esperance, Lady's Bay, Southport, Recherche Bay, Huon Island, Woody Island, Partridge Island, Taylor's Bay, South Bruni, North Bruni, Oyster Cove, Peppermint Bay, Long Bay, and Three Hut Point.

WE, the undersigned inhabitants of the places above named, view with alarm and apprehension the alterations contemplated by the Government in the Police arrangements of this District, as stated by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer in the House of Assembly on Wednesday, the 11th instant.

We beg respectfully to remonstrate against the withdrawal of the Police Boat and Constables from the present Station at Three Hut Point, and the probable dependence of the inhabitants of a large and scattered District, possessing peculiar difficulties of communication, upon the occasional visits of a Magistrate resident at Franklin, 25 miles from Three Hut Point; 23 miles from Port Esperance; 37 miles from Southport; 51 miles from Recherche Bay; 25 miles from Partridge Island and Taylor's Bay; and still longer distances from North Bruni, Oyster Cove, and Peppermint Bay.

We beg respectfully to point out that the place where the Police Magistrate's Boat's Crew and Constables are at present stationed (Three Hut Point) is most centrally situated for the wants of the inhabitants of about 50 miles of coast-line on each side of the channel. The presence of the Police Boat and Constables so stationed is an effective check upon the wrong-doing of a class of men who are constantly on the move in boats and small crafts on the river, the virtual high road of the District; and the removal of such a check would result in the exposure of life and property to considerable risk, not only from the class above named, but from the shifting population of bushmen, idlers, and others.

Your Memorialists earnestly hope that some opportunity will be afforded them of pointing out to the Government the injury the inhabitants of so large a District would sustain if the contemplated alterations be carried out.

Your Memorialists also beg to call attention to the fact that the presence and management of the Police Force during the past two years have been most effective, and fully met the requirements of the District; and that, as a natural consequence, the Colonial Government has been put to very little trouble and expense for what would be otherwise likely to prove a disorderly and expensive District.

Your Memorialists confidently leave the matter in your own hands, trusting that their representations will have their due weight with yourself and the Executive Government.

16 September, 1867.

*[Here follow 27 Signatures.]*

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