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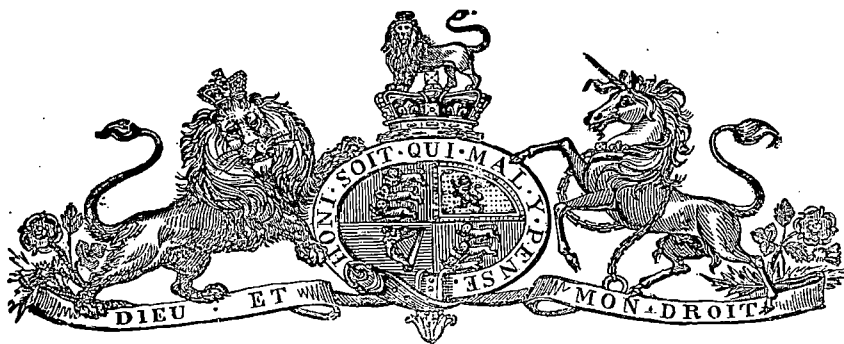
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Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, and ordered by the
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Longford, 28th February, 1874.

SIR,

WE, the undersigned proprietors and occupiers of the estates of Fairfield, Rhodes, and Woolmers, beg to bring under your notice the inconvenience we suffer, and loss sustained, by our properties being attached to the Road District of Perth.

The payment of road rates by us to the District of Perth is simply for no consideration, as we seldom or ever use the roads of that District, and derive no advantage from our yearly contributions.

Our nearest post town, and convenience for business purposes, is Longford, through which and over the roads and streets of such District we are compelled to pass to reach the port of Launceston by either road or railway.

We therefore respectfully request you will advise His Excellency to cause the boundaries of the Road Districts of Perth and Longford to be re-defined, so that the properties of Fairfield, Rhodes, and that part of Woolmers at present cut off may be added to the Road District of Longford.

If we can be so added, the trustees of the Road District of Longford, with whom we have been in communication, are prepared to recommend the purchase of a Bye Road through the Brickendon property, by which a certain and short outlet to the Town of Longford will be secured, with which otherwise all communication must, to our serious loss and inconvenience, cease.

The boundaries of the estates so requested to be included will be found to be somewhat as follows; viz.—

“Commencing at the Lake River at the intersection of the present Longford Road District with that of Perth, thence in a north and north-easterly direction by the boundary of Perth Road District to South Esk River, by that river in an easterly direction to the eastern boundary of land granted to late Thomas Walker, thence by a southerly line to the north boundary of Municipality of Longford, thence by that boundary to the south-east corner of the estates of Fairfield and Mount Joy, thence south-westerly by the boundary line of these estates to the Lake River, and by that river to point of commencement.

We remain,
Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

JOSEPH ARCHER.
HERBERT GATENBY.
THOS. C. ARCHER.
EDWARD ARCHER.
BASIL ARCHER.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works.

Longford, 12th March, 1874.

SIR,

AT request of Mr. Joseph Archer I now transmit enclosed Petition, on subject of which please communicate (if required) with that gentleman.

Yours obediently,
H. B. NICKOLLS.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works.

BEFORE a description can be prepared for the *Gazette* it will be necessary to have the proposed boundaries marked on the accompanying plan.

H. B. NICKOLLS, *Esq.*, *Longford.*

WM. MOORE.
7 April, 1874.

THE proposed addition to the Road District of Longford is included within the red pencil lines.

H. B. NICKOLLS.
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Perth, 7th May, 1874.

*To the Hon. WILLIAM MOORE, Esq., Minister of Lands and Works,
Hobart Town.*

HONORED SIR,

THE humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers of the Road District of Perth, respectfully sheweth :

1. That your Petitioners regard with disapprobation the intended alteration of the boundary of the Road District of Perth.

2. That the Road District of Perth, as it now stands, is only a small district, and by taking out of the district the large area proposed, would mar the Road District of Perth altogether.

3. That, if the proposed alteration took place, almost all the traffic roads would be cast on the remaining portion of the District, thereby causing a disproportionate amount of taxation to be levied for their maintenance and repair.

4. That if such an extent of area, as proposed, should be taken out of the district, the remaining portion would have to be absorbed into the Longford or Evandale Road Districts, or divided between them ; and consequently would have to pay rates for roads that the ratepayers never use, without an adequate expenditure of rates on the roads that they do use.

5. That your Petitioners respectfully request that you will please allow the boundaries of the Road District of Perth to remain as they are.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Joseph Bird.
David Thomas.
Richard O'Keeffe.
Wm. Russell.
John Sidebottom.
W. Bond, jun.
George Titmus.
Henry Pye.
John Templar.
John Ward.
John Dryden.
W. Brownrigg.
Michael Moloney.
James Willet.
William Savage.
John Conacher.

John Wray.
F. J. Houghton.
Thos. Alcock.
Joseph Clayton.
George Cook.
W. M'Ennulty.
George Croome.
P. Sherwood.
Henry Flood.
James Lawson.
E. W. Sherwood.
Henry Clark.
James Butler.
William Adams.
William Dennis.
George Johns.

George West.
Wm. Floyd.
William Peachey.
James Trotter.
William Clark.
Thomas Martin.
John Dean.
Thomas Allen.
Springford East.
Abraham Scott.
William Polley.
Robert Appleby.
George Illingworth.
Thomas Tracey.
James Beans.

Perth, 17th April, 1874.

SIR,

WITH reference to Government Notice, No. 55, dated 14th instant, notifying that a Petition has been received by you from certain ratepayers of the Road District of Perth, praying that the boundaries of the said district may be altered, we, the undersigned Trustees for the said District of Perth, most humbly beg that you will not grant such alterations to take place, for the following reasons ; viz.—

1st. Because it will take about one-fourth of the revenue from this district, and not leave a sufficient sum to keep the roads of this district in passable repair.

2nd. Because there has been a considerable sum of money expended by the ratepayers of Perth District on that portion of the road running through petitioners' lands.

3rdly. Because more than four-fifths of the ratepayers of Perth will strongly protest against such alterations taking place as contemplated.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

WILLM. EAST, *Chairman.*

WM. REID,

J. J. BOYES, } *Trustees.*

J. MARTIN, }

To the Hon. WM. MOORE, *Esq., Minister of Lands and Works.*

Road Trust Office, Longford, 14th May, 1874.

SIR,

THE month required by law expires to-day in regard to the separation of the portion of Perth Road District from Perth and annexation to Longford. I am directed to urge upon you to have the new Longford District in the next *Gazette* if possible, should no counter petition have been received, as the Longford Trust have purchased the Brickendon Lane contingent upon that annexation, and are desirous of immediately commencing operations upon it for the public convenience.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

HENRY S. HUTCHINSON, *Clerk to the Trust.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Longford Road Trust, 11th June, 1874.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to request a reply to my note enquiring respecting the alteration in the boundary of Longford and Perth Road District.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

HENRY S. HUTCHINSON, *Clerk to the Trust.*

The Hon. the Minister of Lands.

COUNTER Petitions have been received from the Trustees of Perth Road District and from the ratepayers against the alteration of the boundaries of the two Road Districts, and which are herewith forwarded for any remarks the Longford Road Trustees may desire to make.

WM. MOORE.

15 June, 1874.

Longford, 16th June, 1874.

SIR,

MR. Hutchinson has kindly permitted me to examine the correspondence between the Perth Road Trust and Office of Lands and Works on subject of Petition from Messrs. Archer and Gatenby, also attached.

As I have been a party to the original Petition, it will not, I trust, be considered presumptuous if I offer a few remarks upon these unselfish (?) documents.

The Trustees of Perth District in their letter dated 17th April naturally object to a diminution of revenue, but their subsequent objections are fallacious. The expenditure of money on this portion of the District is not stated, and as an old resident I never heard or saw that it was considerable, or indeed at all adequate to the proportion of Perth rates received from the Messrs. Archer and Gatenby since the Perth District was created. The last objection brings in the Petition signed by Messrs. Bird and others, and, I beg leave to point out, strengthens the application of the Messrs. Archer. Paragraph four of that petition expresses the very facts upon which the Messrs. Archer

and Gatenby base their application, viz., that *they* pay rates towards the support of roads over which they never travel, and that they receive no adequate expenditure at all. Paragraph three is an absurdity. Every one knows there is little or no traffic upon the *streets*—not roads—of Perth, the General Government contributing to the maintenance of the only road—the main street—upon which there is much traffic. Paragraph two ought to have no force, it being contrary to public policy that a large area of property should be cut off from all communication with its postal, railway, school, and social arrangements because a few individuals might continue to exercise the dignity of a Road Trust upon other persons' money, and afford no return.

The Minister of Lands and Works has, I observe, referred the Petition to you, not that I imagine he attaches any importance to the objections, but in due and official course. I trust, Sir, you will strongly urge the Trust to claim that the application of the Messrs. Archer should be acceded to, because the very fallacy of the objections is an argument in support of the justness of their application; and, moreover, that the interests of the ratepayers of the Longford District demands that this increase of district, and ultimately rates, should be added.

Yours respectfully,

H. B. NICKOLLS.

The Chairman Longford Road Trust.

Road Trust, Longford, 18th June, 1874.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Longford Road Trustees held this day, the Petition, Counter Petitions, and Correspondence respecting the alteration of the boundaries of the Longford and Perth Road Districts were, at your request, laid before the Trustees for any remarks that they desired to offer thereon.

All the Trustees (but one) being present, I, as Chairman, was requested to inform you that the Trustees fully concur in the reasons set forth in the Petition of Messrs. Archer and Gatenby, who ask to be attached, or rather replaced, in the Longford Road District; for here I beg to state that originally these properties, as well as Perth Road District, were included in the Longford Road District.

The question may arise, when this matter comes under consideration with the Governor in Council—How have the Messrs. Archer and Gatenby all along been able to get to Longford? and as no information or answer appears upon the Petition, I beg to answer the question. They have been allowed *upon sufferance* to pass through the estate of Brickendon to the town of Longford; but the proprietor of Brickendon has given notice to discontinue the privilege, and the Trustees have been legally advised that he has the power to do so.

The whole question was considered at a Public Meeting called for the purpose at Longford, and a Resolution passed authorising the Longford Road Trust to purchase the Brickendon Road and get it proclaimed a Cross Road, (not a Bye Road, as stated in Petition,) provided the proposed alterations were made in the boundary of the District.

It is estimated that the purchase of the road and necessary and urgent repairs required, as also extensive repairs, if not actually rebuilding the Woolmers Bridge, will cost about £1200; and the ratepayers of the Longford Road District would not be justified in expending so large an amount without some prospect of additional revenue.

In reply to the objections set forth in the Counter Petitions, the strongest ground is that it will deprive them (the Perth Trust) of one-fourth of their revenue, and not leave a sufficient sum to keep the roads of the district in passable repair, showing that the properties of the Messrs. Archer and Gatenby contributed one-fourth towards the maintenance of the streets and roads around Perth, which the Petitioners seldom or ever use.

I may mention that the Hobart Town main road is the principal road through the Perth District, and the main street of the town, and is maintained at the expense of the General Revenue; the road from Longford to Perth is maintained by the Longford Road District to within a quarter of a mile of the town of Perth. The only road that I am aware the Perth Trustees have expended money upon for some years is that leading to Evandale, about two miles.

The second objection raised by the Perth Trustees, "that a considerable sum of money has been expended upon the road running through petitioners' lands," I think must have been inserted without consideration or any reference to their accounts; for I have known the locality a great many years, and fail to remember any portion that has received the expenditure mentioned, saving about three quarters of a mile near Rhodes, that had a little gravel put on it about six or seven years since. The road through Woolmers and Fairfield is in the original native state.

The objections raised in the Perth Ratepayers' Petition is in effect the same as the Perth Trustees', and dwindles down to this: they object to part with the Messrs. Archer and Gatenby's rates, because they will very probably have to pay a little more towards keeping their *outside* streets in repair.

The Messrs. Archer and Gatenby certainly do not ask for the alteration from pecuniary selfish motives, as the road rates of Perth are generally 3*d.* in the pound, and have never exceeded 6*d.*, whilst the Longford rate is never under 6*d.*, and at the present time 1*s.*

The Ratepayers as well as the Trustees of the Longford Road District are willing to assist the Petitioners in procuring a road to their principal place of business and access to the railway; and on their behalf I respectfully hope the Governor in Council will grant the application of the Messrs. Archer and Gatenby.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WM. DODERY, *Chairman Longford Road Trust.*

The Hon. the Minister of Lands.

A letter from Mr. Nickolls on the subject is enclosed.

THE Solicitor-General will be good enough to prepare the necessary Proclamations re-defining the boundaries of Longford and Perth Road Districts.

The Solicitor-General.

WM. MOORE.

13 July, 1874.

THE Proclamations required are forwarded herewith.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works.

ROB. P. ADAMS.

16 July, 1874.

ROAD DISTRICT OF PERTH.

By His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it is expedient to alter the boundaries of the Road District of Perth and to re-define the same: Now therefore I, CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief as aforesaid, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested by "The Cross and Bye Roads Act, 1870," notify and proclaim that I do hereby alter and re-define the boundaries of the said Road District of Perth, and do hereby proclaim and declare that the said Road District shall henceforth be comprised within the boundaries following; (that is to say,)—

Commencing at the south-eastern angle of a location to G. Hardwicke on the South Esk River, thence by its eastern boundary and the eastern boundary of 550 acres granted to James Thornloe, thence by the western and northern boundaries of the Town of Perth to the Main Road from Hobart Town to Launceston, thence by that road to the north-west boundary of a grant of 1321 acres to Robert Campbell, by that and the north-eastern boundary of the Parish of Perth to the South Esk River aforesaid, thence by that river to the east boundary of a location to Edward Wedge, by that boundary and the eastern and south-eastern boundaries of Lot 617 purchased by E. D. Wedge, and by the south-eastern, south-western, and north-western boundaries of 2560 acres granted to Thomas Archer to the north-east boundary of 1409 acres granted to George Alston, thence by that boundary and by the north-eastern boundaries of 1058 acres granted to Thomas Archer, Lot 7 purchased by Thomas Archer, and part of the north-eastern boundary of 2142 acres granted to Thomas Archer to the south angle of Lot 2 purchased by Thomas Archer, by part of the north-eastern boundary of that lot, the south-eastern and north-eastern boundaries of a grant to Thomas Walker, part of the southern and western boundaries of grants to John Helder Wedge, and by part of the north-eastern boundary of a grant of 67 acres to Thomas Walker to the South Esk River aforesaid, and thence by that river to the point of commencement.

Given under my hand, at Hobart Town, in Tasmania aforesaid, this twentieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

C. DU CANE.

By His Excellency's Command,

WM. MOORE, *Minister of Lands and Works.*

ROAD DISTRICT OF LONGFORD.

By His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Tasmania and its Dependencies

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it is expedient to alter the boundaries of the Road District of Longford and to re-define the same: Now therefore I, CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief as aforesaid, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested by "The Cross and Bye Roads Act, 1870," notify and proclaim that I do hereby alter and re-define the boundaries of the said Road District of Longford, and do hereby proclaim and declare that the said Road District shall henceforth be comprised within the boundaries following; (that is to say),—

Commencing at the Main Road from Launceston to Hobart Town at the north angle of a location to M. A. Cleary, and bounded by that road to the Road District of Perth, thence by that district to the north angle of 1409 acres granted to George Alston, by the north-western boundary of that grant and the north-eastern and north-western boundaries of a grant to Robert Thirkell to the Macquarie River, by that river to the Lake River, thence by the Lake River until opposite its junction with Brumby's Creek, thence crossing the same by that creek to the east boundary of 100 acres granted to William Gunn, thence by a south-westerly line of 268 chains through locations to C. B. Hardwicke and Joseph Archer, and into Lot 91 purchased by the said Joseph Archer, thence by 43 chains 70 links south-easterly to the Woodside Rivulet, and by that rivulet to its source on the top of the Great Western Mountains, thence by a line along the top of that range in a north-westerly direction to the source of the Liffey River, by that river to the south boundary of a location to T. Collicott, by that location to a grant of 1813 acres to James Robertson and W. D. Grubb, by part of the west and by the north boundaries of that grant, and by the south-west and north-west boundaries of 1705 acres granted to Henry Clayton to the South Esk River, by that river (and crossing the same) to the west angle of a location to Gabriel Cooke, by the north-western boundary of that location, and part of the south-western and north-western boundary of a grant to Thomas Bransgrove, thence by a continued north-easterly line along a location to Edward French to the point of commencement.

Given under my hand, at Hobart Town, in Tasmania aforesaid, this twentieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

C. DU CANE.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. M. MOORE, *Minister of Lands and Works.*

TASMANIA.—ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

Longford, 24th July, 1874, 9:30.

ABSENT when Telegram arrived. Consent of the owners of properties recently in Perth Road District embodied in their original Petition, and consent of the owner of Brickendon as well. Approval of the ratepayers in Longford Road District obtained at a public meeting held at Longford in March or April last. Petition from Messrs. Archer states why they sought a re-division, and to be restored to Longford Road District; and letter of Chairman saying Trust in reply to Petition from Perth Road Trust, and the inhabitants of that village, fully and completely answers the question you ask. I think this will, if you examine, supply all the information; in fact the correspondence, if carefully noted, should satisfy the House that only justice to Messrs. Archer and Gatenby has been done.

H. B. NICKOLLS.

To the Hon. W. MOORE, Hobart.