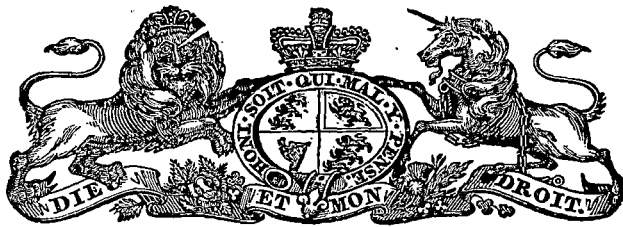


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MR. A. H. BOYD.

PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, 5 September, 1865.



To His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, C.B., *Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania.*

The humble Petition of Adolarius Humphrey Boyd.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT, on the 21st August, 1862, Petitioner resigned his appointment as Superintendent of the City Police, the duties of which office he performed to the entire satisfaction of the Mayor and Aldermen for a period of Sixteen months, as will be seen by the following Certificates, and accepted the situation offered to him by the Government of that day of Superintendent of the Queen's Asylum, on the understanding that his being a single man was to be no objection to his holding that appointment; and he so held it for Two years and four months under the present Government without complaint. Yet this objection appears to have been started only at the last moment.

MEMO.

Hobart Town, 2nd June, 1865.

DURING the time Mr. A. H. Boyd performed the duty of Superintendent of Police he gave universal satisfaction to the Council, and much regret was expressed on receipt of his resignation. The men belonging to the Force when Mr. Boyd took charge were unaccustomed to the strict discipline introduced by that gentleman, and (at least such as were not faithful and diligent in the discharge of their duty) murmured at his coercion; but when order and obedience were attained, Mr. Boyd was not only respected but much esteemed by the men as a gentleman and good Officer, especially by the best-conducted men. As Mayor, and Chairman of the Police Committee, during the time Mr. Boyd held office, I am enabled to state that he enjoyed the entire confidence of the Council; and the citizens lost by his resignation a faithful, painstaking, and indefatigable Officer.

HENRY COOK.

Davey-street, 8th June, 1865.

TO ALL CONCERNED.—This is to certify that Mr. A. H. Boyd while holding the situation of Superintendent of Police for the City of Hobart Town, during my term of office, fulfilled the duties thereof in an efficient manner, and that his resignation was tendered and accepted on account of his obtaining an appointment under the Government.

ALFRED KENNERLEY, *Ex-Mayor.*

Hobart Town, 8th June, 1865.

MY DEAR SIR,

YOUR leaving the Police Force was regretted much by the Municipal Council, being a matter entirely unexpected, and as far as the Council was concerned originating in yourself. Your services were between one and two years, and the duties performed by you as Superintendent of Police gave the Council great satisfaction, who unanimously hoped that your new employment would conduce to your benefit and comfort. I shall be glad to hear of your well-doing, and remain,

My dear Sir,
Yours truly,
ROBERT WALKER.

A. H. BOYD, *Esq.*

No. 3, Campbell-street, Hobart Town, 9th June, 1865.

DEAR SIR,

IN reply to your application of the 5th instant, I have much pleasure in certifying that for the period in which you were employed as Superintendent of Police in 1861 and 1862, you discharged its duties to the entire satisfaction of the Municipal Council, who hoped that your removal from it, at your particular request, would promote your interest and add to your official gratification.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

GEORGE CRISP.

A. H. BOYD, *Esq.*

New Wharf, Hobart Town, 7th June, 1865.

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to the efficient manner in which you performed the duties of Superintendent of Police for the City.

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

HENRY PIERCE.

A. H. BOYD, *Esq.*

Old Wharf, Hobart Town, 10th June, 1865.

SIR,

I HAVE much pleasure in stating that during the period you held the office of Superintendent of Police for the City you gave the fullest satisfaction to the Municipal Body, of which I was an Alderman, both as to your efficiency and the manner in which you performed the duty.

Yours very truly,

JOHN MURDOCH.

MR. BOYD, *St. George's Hill.*

Collins-street, 13th June, 1865.

MY DEAR SIR,

I AM in receipt of your note asking for my expression of opinion upon your management of the City Police when you filled the office of Superintendent. In reply, I can state that from the general report of the Aldermen composing the Police Committee your management of the Police was satisfactory to them, and speaking for myself, I believe you had the full confidence of the Municipal Council of the day.

I remain, my dear Sir,

Yours truly,

D. LEWIS.

A. H. BOYD, *Esquire.*

That at the time of accepting the last-named office your Petitioner was in receipt of £300 per annum from the Corporation of Hobart Town, with the right of Pension after 10 years' service; and he also drew the Pension granted to him for past services under the Imperial Government of £63 10s. per annum,—making a total of £363 10s.

That the Salary and Allowances attached to the office of Superintendent of the Queen's Asylum were—

	£
Salary.....	300
House	70
Servant, about	22
	£399
	£399

with right of Pension after 10 years' service.

That on the 1st January, 1865, your Petitioner's services were dispensed with in order that a Superintendent might be appointed who was a married man, and who could at the same time combine the duties of Medical Officer with that of Superintendent,—the Government granting to your Petitioner the small sum of £105 16s. 8d. as compensation for the loss of about £399 a year together with the right of Pension,—which compensation your Petitioner has been compelled by the exigencies of his position to accept; they at the same time promising further employment at an early date, which promise has not been fulfilled up to the date of presenting this Petition, yet several appointments have been made during the 7 months your Petitioner has remained without a situation, none of which have been offered to him, notwithstanding your Petitioner has received the following letter from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary :—

Colonial Secretary's Office, 30th March, 1865.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, pressing your claims for appointment to some office, I beg to inform you that the Government have every desire to comply with your wishes, but up to the present time no suitable opportunity has occurred enabling the Government to avail themselves of your services.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

JAMES WHYTE.

A. H. BOYD, Esq., Alice Maud Terrace, New Town Road.

That your Petitioner most respectfully begs to draw the attention of Your Excellency to the extreme hardship of his case in thus being suddenly deprived of his living, and also of the right of Pension, apparently because the present Government considered it expedient to revert to the exploded system of combining the duties of Superintendent and Medical Officer.

That your Petitioner begs to draw attention to the saving of expense caused by the introduction by Petitioner of the Washing Machines into the Asylum, fully £300 per annum; also to the improved condition of the Farm during his Superintendency as compared with the two years which preceded his tenure of office, as appears from the following account:—

RETURN showing the Profits on the Farm attached to the Queen's Asylum for Years 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, and 1864.

	£	s.	d.
1860. Balance in favour of Farm	776	19	6
(Corrected to £595 13s.)			
1861. Ditto			
1862. Ditto	886	4	4
1863. Ditto	1103	3	6
1864. Ditto account not closed when Petitioner left Institution.			

RETURN showing the Quantity of Milk raised during the same Period.

	Pints.
1860.....	62,507
1861.....	82,161
1862.....	118,967
1863.....	132,806
1864. Account not closed when Petitioner left Institution, but the advance in quantity appeared to be fully maintained.	

That your Petitioner begs to draw the attention of Your Excellency to the improved and healthy condition of the children during the past two years, in confirmation whereof your Petitioner begs to incorporate the following extract from the Report of the late Board of Management on the state and condition of the Schools, under date 10th December, 1863, and of which enquiry your Petitioner had no notice; yet, on an unexpected examination by them, they were able to remark, "that the Institution appears internally to be clean, orderly, and well and economically regulated, and the children contented, cheerful, and healthy." And they further allude to the difficulties with which your Petitioner has had to contend, and to "a combined opposition" existing in the Asylum against him, occasioned by his efforts "in establishing due order and regularity in the Institution."

That your Petitioner begs most respectfully to state that, on assuming charge of the Asylum, he found much that required remedy and improvement, especially with regard to cleanliness and the clothing of the children. There were also many abuses which could not be overlooked, to effect improvements. Petitioner was obviously brought into collision with many of the Officers of the Institution who were averse to alterations; but, notwithstanding the want of support afforded, the improvements effected, and "the interest taken in the welfare of the Institution" by your Petitioner during his Superintendency, are too manifest to require comment from himself. This will appear from the following Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Ladies' Visiting Committee, dated 9th December, 1864:—

That a Vote of Thanks be conveyed to Mr. Boyd, the Superintendent of the Queen's Asylum, through the Secretary, for his uniform attention and willingness to further the suggestions of the Ladies' Committee; and that their appreciation be recorded of the interest he has taken in the welfare of the Institution.

FRANCES ANNA DAVENPORT, *Acting Secretary.*

That your Petitioner having been for 13 years employed under the Imperial Government, for which services he receives his present Pension of £63 10s. per annum, and holding many certificates as to zeal and efficiency, begs to submit the following for consideration:—

During the period of my medical charge at Impression Bay, Tasman's Peninsula, Mr. A. H. Boyd performed for somewhat more than 14 months the combined duties of Overseer and Clerk at the Hospital at that Station; and I am happy to have it in my power to state that, during my long service in the Convict Department, I never met with a more efficient or conscientious Officer than he proved himself to be.

W BENSON, *Colonial Surgeon.*

THESE are to certify that Mr. A. H. Boyd, of the Convict Department, has had the entire charge, custody, receipt, and daily issue of all Commissariat Supplies at Port Arthur, under my direction, for the last 14 months, during which time the ability and zeal displayed by Mr. Boyd in conducting those arduous and responsible duties, as well as the very correct and prompt manner in which the large amount of periodical accounts, cash as well as store, consequent thereon, have been rendered, entitle him to unqualified commendation.

GEORGE HORNE, *Assistant Commissary General.*

20 January, 1854.

Commissariat, Tasmania, Hobart Town, 30th June, 1856.

SIR,

PRIOR to quitting Tasmania, I beg to offer you this expression of the satisfaction I have experienced on all occasions when visiting Port Arthur at the manner in which the duties connected with that branch of the Convict Service entrusted to your charge at that important Station were conducted.

The accounts, books, and stores brought from time to time under my inspection all merited my unqualified approbation.

I remain,
Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

WILLIAM BISHOP, *Deputy Commissary General.*

A. H. BOYD, *Esquire, Storekeeper, Port Arthur.*

Commissariat, Hobart Town, 4th March, 1857.

DEAR SIR,

IN compliance with your wish, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the ability with which you have conducted the accounts connected with your duties as Storekeeper at Port Arthur: the very great care and attention which those accounts have always exhibited in their preparation, during the last few years that they have passed under my own personal examination, have constantly called forth my commendation: nothing could have exceeded the general correctness and punctuality with which they have been rendered; and the same having to be incorporated with the general Commissariat Accounts of this command, enables me to judge of their nature and importance, as well as of the very perfect and satisfactory manner in which they have always been rendered to me, clearly evidencing your zeal and ability as an Accountant.

I beg to remain,
Yours very truly,

H. ASHTON, *Assist. Commissary General.*

Mr. A. H. BOYD, *Port Arthur.*

Commissariat, Hobart Town, 31st October, 1859.

CERTIFIED, that Mr. A. H. Boyd has occupied the position of Commissariat Issuer at the Penal Settlement of Port Arthur during a period of several years with much credit to himself and advantage to the public; and that I consider him to be deserving of every encouragement during his tenure of office, and liberal treatment when reductions in the Convict Department may render it necessary to dispense with his services.

STEPHEN OWEN, *A. C. G., Controller.*

CERTIFICATE endorsed by Civil Commandment, Port Arthur, on Mr. Boyd's application for Superannuation.

MR. A. H. BOYD served under my orders at the Prisoners' Barracks, Hobart Town, as Junior Clerk, from March, 1847, to April, 1848, and at Port Arthur from November, 1853, until April, 1860, as Accountant and Storekeeper, during which periods he discharged his public duties in a very efficient manner, both as regards diligence and fidelity.

J. BOYD, *Civil Commandant and Superintendent.*

Port Arthur, 23rd April, 1860.

He, your Petitioner, now regrets that he is compelled to draw the attention of Your Excellency to the Report of a Board consisting of the Honorable Charles Meredith, E. J. Manley, and T. T. Watt, Esquires, appointed by Your Excellency to enquire into certain matters connected with the Asylum, dated 1st June, 1864, by which it was made to appear to Your Excellency that your Petitioner had failed to prove to the Board the truth of a statement made to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary on the 16th of March, 1864, respecting the inefficiency of Mrs. Bourne, Matron of the Male Division of the Asylum. Your Petitioner asserts that the decision arrived at by the Board is at variance with the evidence adduced; because, among other reasons, the following Letter, addressed by Petitioner's predecessor to the late Colonial Secretary, which bears most unmistakably on the subject of the case referred to, had been withdrawn, notwithstanding that a Copy was furnished to the Secretary of the Board, by the desire of the Chairman, to be attached to the papers:—

Queen's Asylum, August 14th, 1861.

SIR,

I FEEL compelled to report to you the incapacity of Mrs. Bourne for fulfilling the duties of Matron of the Boys' Division at this Establishment. She is a highly respectable person, but so inert, inactive, and wanting in system as to be thoroughly, in my opinion, unsuited, especially during the prevalence of sickness, to conduct the duties of her situation.

I have therefore to recommend that she be transferred to some other situation, or, at all events, removed from the Schools, and a more efficient Officer appointed in her place.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. BENSON.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Your Petitioner also regrets that he is further compelled to draw attention to the pressure brought to bear on him by the attendance before the Board referred to of Maxwell Miller, Esquire, as the *quasi* attorney of Mrs. Bourne.

That your Petitioner feels himself deeply aggrieved by the character of that Report throughout, which bears upon its face the appearance of a foregone conclusion.

Your Petitioner respectfully prays that Your Excellency will be pleased to take his case into your consideration, and award such an amount of additional compensation as Your Excellency may deem the case deserves; and further, that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause enquiry to be made into the truthfulness of the Report of the Board within referred to; and your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

ADOLARIUS HUMPHREY BOYD.