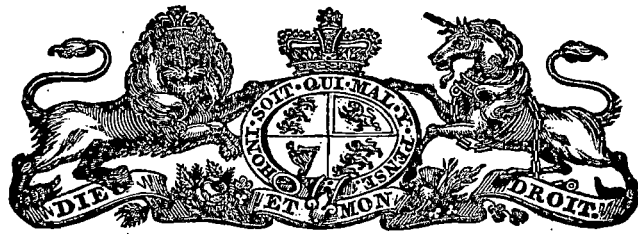


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ROSS AND CAMPBELL TOWN.

PETITION FOR AMALGAMATION AS ONE MUNICIPALITY.

Presented by Mr. Pillinger, and ordered by the House to be printed, October
4, 1876.



*To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly
of the Parliament of Tasmania.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers and Inhabitants of the Municipalities of Ross
and Campbell Town.

RESPECTFULLY PRAYETH :

THAT your Honourable House will take into consideration the condition of the said Municipalities, with a view to their speedy amalgamation. The boundaries of each as at present defined are productive of serious inconvenience to both; and the area of either is far too small, without the imposition of heavy rates, to admit of the raising of sufficient funds for necessary police protection and surveillance, and the payment in reasonable terms of the staff requisite for such and general Municipal purposes.

Were both districts combined, as they were before Municipal action was taken in either, one single staff of superior officers would suffice, and the police force could be increased, and the burden of the Ratepayers in general be diminished; also the many inconveniences from time to time occurring in consequence of the incongruous and unnatural boundaries of the two Municipalities would cease to exist were both under, as your Petitioners pray they may be, one jurisdiction.

Your Petitioners also beg to inform your Honourable House that one consequence of such limited areas is that the business to be transacted is usually of the most trivial character, and that in the Municipality of Campbell Town the Councillors deem a quarterly meeting to suffice for the discharge of the duties devolving on them.

In both Municipalities, from economical motives, the offices of Superintendent of Police and Council Clerk have been combined,—a proceeding which very many of your Petitioners believe to be highly imprudent and fraught with danger, as the duties of one should be distinct from and act as a check on those of the other.

For the above reasons your Petitioners respectfully trust that your Honourable House will accord the subject due and favourable attention, as it is to them a matter of much importance.

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

[Here follow 128 Signatures.]