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OATLANDS MUNICIPALITY.

ALTERATION OF BOUNDARIES.

PETITION.

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Presented by Mr. Bisdee; and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
August 21, 1863.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers and other Inhabitants of the Rural Municipality of Oatlands.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT the attention of your Petitioners has been drawn to a Bill now before your Honourable Council, entitled "A Bill for the Government of Municipalities."

That your Petitioners find that by the said Bill it is proposed to take away from the Municipality of Oatlands large quantities of land in the locality of Lovely Banks and Spring Hill, in the said Municipality.

That it is of great importance that the smallest possible abridgement of the area of the Municipality should be made, because of its important midland position, and the necessity which exists for the preservation of the boundary in the direction referred to, in order to derive a sufficient revenue from rates to answer the growing exigencies and requirements of the said Municipality.

That your Petitioners further find, that an addition is proposed to be made to the Municipality by throwing into it about fifty-two thousand acres at present belonging to the Municipality of Spring Bay; but such addition, even if made, would not make up the loss of the first-mentioned area, but would be likely to entail upon the Municipality an increased expenditure, when all the circumstances are taken into account.

That the Inhabitants residing in the Parishes of Winterton and Somerton, if the contemplated change of boundary should be made, would have to be subject to the District of Brighton, the centre of which is the Township of Pontville, several miles more distant than it is from the Township of Oatlands to the said Parishes.

That a public meeting was held at Oatlands, on the 7th day of August, 1863, at which Resolutions were passed in accordance with the allegations of your Petitioners.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to prevent the said Municipality of Oatlands from losing that part comprised in the said Parishes, or at least that so great a quantity of land should not be taken away for the purpose of being included in an adjoining or proposed Municipality; and that your Honourable Council will grant to this Municipality such other relief in the premises as to your Honourable Council may seem right, just, and meet.

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

[ Here follow 80 Signatures ].