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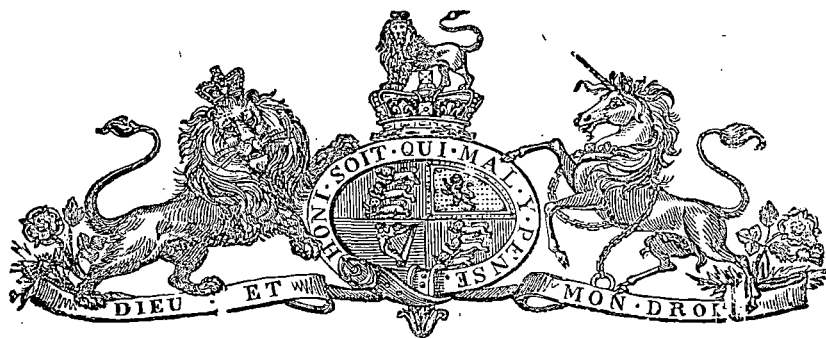
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PETITION OF CERTAIN INHABITANTS IN REFERENCE TO
THE REMOVAL OF THE CONSTABLE.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer; and ordered by the House to be
printed, 1 October, 1867.



To the Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

Bruni Island, 30th August, 1867.

SIR,

WE, the undersigned Owners and Occupiers of land and other Inhabitants of Bruni Island, beg to lay before you, for your consideration, this Memorial respecting the intended removal of the Police Constable from off this Island. We have always up to this time had the protection of one Constable; but, from the recommendation of Mr. Lawrence, we are to be deprived of this indulgence, and his son-in-law, Samuel Young, appointed Special, with a salary. We beg to point out the great inconvenience to us of such appointment, by stating that he does not reside in the neighbourhood of the inhabited part of the Island, but at Variety Bay, which is full seven miles, and, in some instances, twelve miles from us. As we have always contributed our portion towards the Police Rates, we consider ourselves justly entitled to a share of the protection for which such Rates are paid. The arrangement intended will not lessen the expense of the Police, but will increase it,—as the Constable is not to be discharged, there will be the addition of the salary of the Special.

We therefore humbly beg you will take this our Memorial into your consideration, and allow a regular Police Constable to remain on the Island as heretofore.

[Here follow 38 Signatures.]

REFERRED for the observations of the Inspector of Police.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.
4 September, 1867.

THE reduction of a Petty Constable on Bruni Island and the substitution of a Special one is not attributable to private influence, as insinuated by Petitioners, but to my representation to the Government that it was not necessary to maintain a Constable of the former class in that locality: indeed, the gentleman to whom the exercise of such influence is ascribed was absent from the Colony at the time I submitted my estimate; and I have never directly nor indirectly communicated with him on the subject. True it is, however, that I have offered the office of Special Constable to his son-in-law, who I conceive to be an eligible appointee. Twenty-two of the 38 Petitioners are Ratepayers (denoted by R.P. in red ink). The amount of Police Rates leviable in 1867 is £27 14s. 5d. Two cases of Felony of a trivial character have been reported to have been committed in the locality during the last two years; and within a similar period there has not been a single case adjudicated upon by a Magisterial Bench,—facts in themselves which fully justify the action taken by the Government.

J. FORSTER.
12 September, 1867.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 16 September, 1867.

MEMO.

THE Colonial Secretary has to inform Messrs. Barrett and the other persons signing the Petition having reference to the removal of the Petty Constable from Bruni Island, that their Memorial has been duly considered by the Government, and that they are in error in supposing that Mr. Lawrence had anything to do with the removal of the Constable either directly or indirectly.

The alteration was made upon satisfactory evidence being adduced that the reduction could be effected without detriment to the Public Service or the welfare of the inhabitants, and the Government are not prepared to vary the decision arrived at.

RICHARD DRY.

Messrs. BARRETT, and others signing the Petition, Bruni Island.