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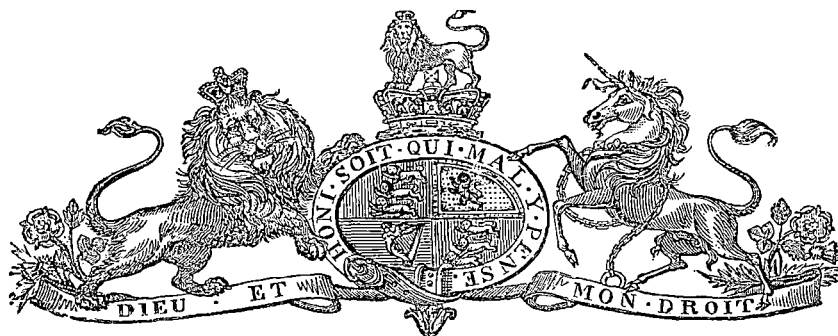
**RICHMOND—RURAL MUNICIPALITY.**

RETURN TO AN ORDER OF THE HOUSE.

*(Dr. Officer, 14 August.)*

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Laid upon the Table by Mr. Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, 16 August, 1860.



Richmond, 29th February, 1860.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward you, for transmission to His Excellency, the enclosed Petition, signed by eighty Ratepayers of this District of the annual amount of Twenty Pounds and upwards, requesting the adoption of "The Municipal Act."

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. W. B. BUTCHER.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

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*To His Excellency SIR HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, Knight, C.B.,  
Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Island of Tasmania  
and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, the undersigned landholders and householders in the Electoral District of Richmond, whose names are on the Valuation Roll now in force for this District to the amount of Twenty Pounds and upwards, request Your Excellency to proclaim this District a Rural Municipality, in accordance with the provisions of "The Rural Municipalities Act."

Bassett Dickson, jun.

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William Lander

George Guy

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George G. Burn

Joseph W. Nicholls

William Marchant

Simon Ross

John M'Donald

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William Medlar

John Harding

William Newnham

William Fleckney

John M'Connon

Robert Bailey

William Hulme

Charles Lamb

Joseph Foster

William Plummer

Jeremiah Hinds

Richard Redding

William Broadribb

Charles Hollinsdale

William Curry

Edward Robert Lord

Thomas Raines

George Vicary

Thomas Reid

James M'Gowan, jun.

Thomas M'Gowan

George Ibbott

Henry Newnham

John Stonehouse

John Cassidy

Benjamin Jacobs

Thomas Burgess

Michael Murphy

Philip Devine

Joseph Berwick

George Kearney

John M'Carthy

John M'Connell

Francis Hopson

Lawrence Delaney

John Bailey, jun.

Thomas Dale

John Sims

Edward Moran

Michael Duffy

Thomas Ward

Isaac Hles

James Everet

Edward Mercer

Edward W. B. Butcher.

## GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 40.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, 12th March, 1860.*

THE Governor in Council having received a Petition signed by not less than fifty persons who are proprietors or occupiers of property in the Electoral District of Richmond, of the annual value, as shown in the Valuation Roll, of not less than Twenty Pounds, praying that the said Electoral District may be declared a Rural Municipality under "The Rural Municipalities Act," His Excellency in Council hereby causes the said Petition to be published in the *Gazette*, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, and the said Petition is as follows:—

*To His Excellency SIR HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, Knight, C.B.,  
Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Island of Tasmania  
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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, the undersigned landholders and householders in the Electoral District of Richmond, whose names are on the Valuation Roll now in force for this District to the amount of Twenty Pounds and upwards, request Your Excellency to proclaim this District a Rural Municipality, in accordance with the provisions of "The Rural Municipalities Act."

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John Coverdale.	Michael Hatton.	George Ibbott.
George Burn.	Jabez Brown.	Henry Newnham.
William Kearney.	William Walker.	John Stonehouse.
Hugh Cassidy.	Robert Garrod.	John Cassidy.
Esh Lovell.	Timothy Shea.	Benjamin Jacobs.
John Burridge.	John Watts.	Thomas Burgess.
Samuel Burgess.	William Medlar.	Michael Murphy.
William Ashmore.	John Harding.	Philip Devine.
Robert Espie.	William Newnham.	Joseph Berwick.
James Jamieson.	William Fleckney.	George Kearney.
William Lander.	John M'Connon.	John M'Carthy.
George Guy.	Robert Bailey.	John M'Connell.
Thomas Featherstone.	William Hulme.	Francis Hopson.
James Edwin M'Gowan.	Charles Lamb.	Lawrence Delaney.
James M'Gowan.	Joseph Foster.	John Bailey, junior.
George G. Burn.	William Plummer.	Thomas Dale.
Joseph W. Nickolls.	Jeremiah Hinds.	John Sims.
William Marchant.	Richard Redding.	Edward Moran.
Simon Ross.	William Broadribb.	Michael Duffy.
John M'Donald.	Charles Hollinsdale.	Thomas Ward.
James Cavey.	William Curry.	Isaac Iles.
Walter S. Wilkins.	Edward Robert Lord.	James Everet.
John M'Gowan.	Thomas Raines.	Edward Mercer.
James Murdoch.	George Vicary.	Edward W. B. Butcher.
Simon M'Cullough.	Thomas Reid.	

By Command of His Excellency in Council,

WILLIAM HENTY.

*Richmond, 6th April, 1860.*

SIR,

I BEG, at the request of the proprietors and occupiers of property signing this Petition praying that the Municipalities Bill may not be extended to the Richmond District, to forward it to you for the purpose of laying it before His Excellency in Council.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

ALEX. GOIDIE.

*To the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, 10th April, 1860.

SIR,

IN returning the enclosed copy of a Petition, praying that the District of Richmond should not be declared a Rural Municipality, I have the honor to ask you to be so good as to insert against the names of the persons attached thereto the amount of their respective assessments as shown in the Valuation Roll; and, at the same time, I am directed to draw your attention to the 4th Section of 21 Vict. No. 50, by which you will see that the Petition itself must be forwarded.

I have, &c.,

B. TRAVERS SOLLY, A. C. S.

ALEXANDER GOLDIE, Esq.,  
Richmond.

Richmond, 8th May, 1860.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th ultimo, returning me the copy of a Petition praying that the District of Richmond should not be declared a Rural Municipality, and asking me to insert against the names of the persons attached thereto the amount of their respective assessments, as shown on the Valuation Roll.

This, you will observe by the enclosed Petition, has been done, and the signatures of the different parties, as far as practicable, attached.

I beg to call your attention to the enclosed returns, and have the honor to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

ALEX. GOLDIE.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

To His Excellency SIR HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, Knight, C.B., Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Island of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Proprietors or Occupiers of Property in the Town and District of Richmond, in the said Colony, of the annual value, as shown by the Valuation Roll, of not less than Twenty Pounds.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners, being satisfied with the system as at present carried out in this District, any change from which would, in their opinion, lead to an increase of expenditure without any adequate return, most respectfully pray that Your Excellency in Council will not declare the said Town and District of Richmond a Municipality, under the 21st Victoria, No. 50, "The Rural Municipalities Act."

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

Petitioners' Names.	Value. £	Petitioners' Names.	Value. £
George L. Goldie.....	140	John Rowlands, (John Rawlings, on the roll).....	39
William Procter .....	45	his	
Philip Devine .....	25	James × Hughes; witness, C.T. Murphy	25
John Harding .....	90	mark	
E. Geiss .....	88	his	
G. Holding .....	20	James × Denton; witness, C. T. Murphy	35
John Duple .....	25	mark	
C. Holland .....	600	his	
Charles Grandfield .....	40	John × Daniels; witness, C. T. Murphy.	25
his		mark	
W. × Bailey; witness, J. H. Perry.		his	
mark		Charles × Ellis; witness, C. T. Murphy.	52
his		mark	
W. × Broadribb, jun.; witness, J. H.		his	
mark		Jerh. × Hinds; witness, D. Murphy, £71 10s.	
[Perry		mark	
John Sinkler.			
F. Roberts.....	100		

Petitioners' Names.	Value.	Petitioners' Names.	Value.
William Edwards .....	£ 25	his	
William Jarvis .....	50	Joseph × Manning ; witness, D. Murphy	30
G. Beasley .....	70	mark	
Wm. Broadribb, sen .....	390	James Jameson .....	£22 10s.
John Young .....	24	his	
James Robertson .....	175	John + Messitor ; witness, D. Murphy.	54
James Bolett .....	65	mark	
James Webb .....	25	his	
Robert Allomes .....	50	Thomas × Dale ; witness, D. Murphy.	30
Charles Ingram .....	40	mark	
T. G. Rumney .....	120	William Plummer .....	25
George Wilde Edwards .....	20	T. Wroe .....	30
T. Kearney .....	80	Charles Robins .....	30
Francis Fox .....	45	Simon M'Culloch .....	140
Alexander Goldie .....	440	William Chambers .....	84
David Murphy .....	299	Edward Moran .....	£44 10s.
William Marchant .....	£115 10s.	his	
Isaac Froud .....	83	William × Landers ; witness D. Murphy	29
Samuel Daniels .....	25	mark	
William Brown .....	25	his	
his		Edward × Mercer ; witness, {	18
John × Cashman ; witness, C. Murphy		mark [C. Murphy { new roll	26
mark .....	25	George Stokell .....	465
his		Roderick Reynolds .....	20
Wm. + Saville ; witness, C. T. Murphy.		Stephen Boreham .....	20
mark .....	25	his	
William Fox .....	25	Lazarus + Howlett ; witness, D. Murphy	73
his		mark	
John × Sampson ; witness, C. T. Murphy		Hugh Ashton .....	200
mark		Robert Bayely .....	104
John Lovell .....	30	Charles Morgan.	
his		John M'Donald .....	80
Benjamin + Phillips ; witness, C. T.		Charles Robins .....	30
mark .....	[Murphy. 25	Thomas Wroe .....	36
Jacob Alomes .....	70	Winston C. Simmons .....	225
his		John Bradshaw .....	164
John + Derricks ; witness, T. Murphy.	120	P. Dolan.	
mark		John Stokell .....	320
his		Robert Garrod .....	20
Barnard × Fox ; witness, John Brad-		his	
mark. [shaw .....	80	Wm. × Shaw ; witness, W. C. Simmons	63
his		mark.	
Denis × Whaling ; witness, J. Brad-		his	
mark. [shaw.		William × Currie ; witness, C. Murphy	26
James Casey .....	12	mark.	
his		his	
Thomas × Evans ; witness, John Brad-		John × Minion ; witness, D. Murphy..	25
mark. [shaw .....	£15 10s.	mark.	
Edward Fox.		R. E. Reardon .....	140
Frederic Bradshaw.		William Barnes .....	60
Michael Donnelly.		Philip Sidnell .....	10
William Brain, (on Roll J. & W. Brain)	40	his	
John Brain .....	40	John × Steel ; witness, Alexander Gol-	
his		mark. die .....	60
John × Eves ; witness, John Brain	£42 14s.	his	
mark.		John × Steel, for Charles Steel ; witness,	
J. Martin.		mark. [Alexander Goldie ....	40
Isaac Iles .....	25	Joseph Barlow .....	100
Hugh Dolan .....	70	Joseph Barwick .....	150

THE Governor has had under consideration in Executive Council this Petition, and has decided upon declining to proclaim the District of Richmond a Rural Municipality; a greater number of persons having signed this Petition than signed the Petition in favour of such a measure.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT.

10th May, 1860.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

## RETURN No. 1.

NAMES.	Assessment.	DISQUALIFICATION.			On both Petitions.	On Roll for 1860.	Twice entered.
		Not sufficient on the Roll.	Not in the District.	Not on the Roll.			
Basset Dixon, junior	£ s. 130 0						
David Ogilvy	455 0						
John Coverdale	105 0						
George Burn	315 0						
William Kearney	644 0						
Hugh Cassidy	642 0						
Esh Lovell	210 0						
John Burridge	111 0						
Samuel Burgess	90 0						
William Ashmore	89 0						
Robert Espie	160 0						
James Jamieson	22 10	-	-	-	1		
William Lander	29 0	-	-	-	1		
George Guy	145 0						
Thomas Featherstone	154 0						
James E. M'Gowan	30 0						
James M'Gowan	80 0						
George G. Burn	105 0						
Joseph W. Nichols	154 10						
William Marchant	115 10	-	-	-	1		
Simon Ross	30 0						
John M'Donald	80 0	-	-	-	1		
James Cavey	100 0						
Walter S. Wilkins	32 0						
John M'Gowan	179 0						
James Murdoch	30 0	-	-	-	-	1	
Simon M'Culloch	140 0	-	-	-	1		
William Worledge	80 0						
Isaac Froud	83 0	-	-	-	1		
Michael Hatton	135 0						
Jabez Brown	32 0						
William Walker	30 0						
Robert Garrod	20 0						
Timothy Shea	25 0						
John Watts	25 0						
William Medlar	30 0						
John Harding	90 0	-	-	-	1		
William Newnham	300 0						
William Flackney	60 0						
John M'Connon	81 0						
Robert Baily	104 0	-	-	-	1		
William Hulme	17 0	1					
Charles Lamb	169 0						
Joseph Forster	110 0						
William Plummer	25 0	-	-	-	1		
Jeremiah Hinds	71 10	-	-	-	1		
Richard Redding	20 0						
William Broadribb	390 0						
Charles Hollinsdale	600 0	-	-	-	1	1	
William Curry	26 0	-	-	-	1	1	
Edward Robert Lord	20 0						
Thomas Raines	28 0						
George Vicary	33 0						
Thomas Reid	22 0						
James M'Gowan, junior	26 0						
Thomas M'Gowan	26 0						
George Ibbott	250 0						
Henry Newnham	330 0						
John Stonehouse	60 0						
John Cassidy	214 0	-	-	-	-	1	
Benjamin Jacobs	60 0						
Thomas Burgess	273 15						
Michael Murphy	100 0						
Philip Devine	25 0	-	-	-	1		
Joseph Berwick	150 0	-	-	-	1		
George Kearney	200 0						
John M'Carthy	20 0						
John M'Connell	172 0						
Francis Hopson	45 0	-	-	-	-	1	
Lawrance Delaney	20 0						
John Baily, junior	50 0						
Thomas Dale	30 0						
John Simms	14 0	1					
Edward Moran	44 10	-	-	-	1		
Michael Duffy	30 0						
Thomas Ward	20 0						
Isaac Isles	25 0	-	-	-	1	1	
James Everett	20 0						
Edward Mercer	26 0	-	-	-	1	1	
Edward W. B. Butcher	120 0						

## GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

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*Colonial Secretary's Office, 12th March, 1860.*

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Jeremiah Hinds.  
Richard Redding.  
William Broadribb.  
Charles Hollinsdale.  
William Curry.  
Edward Robert Lord.  
Thomas Raines.  
George Vicary.  
Thomas Reid.

James M'Gowan, junior.  
Thomas M'Gowan.  
George Ibbott.  
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Benjamin Jacobs.  
Thomas Burgess.  
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James Everet.  
Edward Mercer.  
Edward W. B. Butcher.

By Command of His Excellency in Council,

WILLIAM HENTY.

## RETURN No. 2.

NAMES.	Assessment.		DISQUALIFICATION.			On both Petitions.	On Roll for 1860.	Twice entered.
			Not sufficient on the Roll.	Not in the District.	Not on the Roll.			
A. Goldie	£	s.						
G. Goldie	440	0						
W. C. Simmons	140	0						
J. Stokell, J.P.	225	0						
G. Stokell	320	0						
Charles Hollinsdale	465	0						
J. Steel	600	0	—	—	—	1	1	
Charles Steel	60	0						
W. Brain, (on the Roll J. & W. Brain together).	40	0	—	1				
John Martin	40	0						
John Bradshaw	160	0						
Daniel Murphy	164	0						
Daniel O'Brien	299	0						
William Jarvis	—		—	—	1			
John Brain (not Edward as in List sent in as above on Roll J. and W. Brain together)	50	0						
Lazarus Howlett	40	0						
Isaac Froud	73	0						
William Plummer	83	0	—	—	—	1		
Isaac Isles	25	0	—	—	—	1		
Thomas Dale	25	0	—	—	—	1		
Robert Alomes	30	0						
William Barnes	50	0						
William Broadribb, senr.	60	0						
William Broadribb, junr.	390	0	—	—	—	1		
James Hughes	—							
Bejamin Phillips	25	0						
John Sampson	25	0	—	—	1			
William Fox	—							
William Saville (in signature in List sent in, John)	25	0						
William Brown	25	0						
John Rawlings	25	0						
Samuel Daniels	39	0						
John Cashman	25	0						
William Proctor	25	0						
Samuel Evans, junr.	45	0						
William Lander	—		—	—	1			
Jeremiah Hinds	29	0	—	—	—	1		
Robert G. Riordon	71	10	—	—	—	1		
William Marchant	140	0	—	—	—	1		
John Eves	115	10						
John Minion	42	14						
John Daniels	25	0						
John Derrick	25	0						
William Chambers	120	0						
John Bailey	84	0						
Charles Ingram	50	0	—	—	—	1		
Hugh Doolan	40	0						
Francis Fox	70	0	—	—	—	—	1	
Bernard Fox	45	0						
George Slade	80	0						
Patrick Doolan	—		—	—	1			
John Lynch	—		—	—	1			
Patrick Monaghan	—		—	—	1			
James Casey	12	0	1	—	—			
Dennis Wheeling	—		—	—	1			
Charles Britton	21	0						
George Holding	20	0						
Roderick Reynolds	20	0						
Samuel Mason, (should be Thomas, error on Roll)	—		1	—	—	—	—	1
John Daniels	—		—	—	1			
Michael Donnelly	—		—	—	—			
Charles Granfield	40	0						
Charles Robins	30	0						
Philip Devine	25	0	—	—	—	1		
Frederick Hayes	—		—	—	1			
Robert Baily	104	0	—	—	—	1		
Joseph Barwick	150	0	—	—	—	1		
Charles Ellis	25	0						
James Billett	65	0						
James Webb	25	0						
Philip Sidnell	10	0	1					
Stephen Bouham	20	0						
John Cain (Sorell)	—		—	1				
Edmund Anderson	18	0	1					
James Jamieson	22	10	—	—	—	1		
Charles Morgan	—		—	—	1			



NAME.	Assessment.	DISQUALIFICATION.			On both Petitions.	On Roll for 1860.	Twice entered.
		Not sufficient on the Roll.	Not in the District.	Not on the Roll.			
Thomas Wroe, senr.	£ 36 0						
Thomas Wroe, junr.	—			1			
William Cornish	16	1					
James Robertson	175 0						
John Double	25 0					1	
Christopher Bonney	70 0						
T. L. Rumney	120 0						
Fitz Roberts	100 0					1	
H. Ashton	200 0						
John Harding	90 0				1		
Michael Cunningham	13 0	1					
Joseph Wright.	15 0	1					
John Young	24 0						
William Shaw	63 0						
Robert Garrod	20 0						
Charles Brittain	—						1
G. Mason	—			1			
T. Kearney	80 0						
John Simms	14 0	1			1		
Edward Moran	44 10				1		
Simon M'Culloch	140 0				1		
James Rowles (Sorell)	—		1				
James Denton	35 0						
John Rowles (Sorell)	—		1				
Joseph Manning	30 0						
George W. Edwards	20 0						
William Curry	26 0						
Thomas Evans	15 10	1					
John Lovell	30 0						
William Edwards	25 0						
John Munton	54 0						
Edward Mercer	26 0				1	1	
John M'Donald	80 0				1		
Edward Fox	12 0	1					
Frederick Bradshaw	12 0						
Joseph Barlow	100 0						
Ebenezer Geiss	88 0						

WE, the undersigned Ratepayers, did not authorise our names to be placed upon the Petition for Municipal action in the Richmond District.

William Marchant  
William Plummer

Isaac Froud  
Charles Hollinsdale

Robert Garrod  
his  
William x Curry; Witness, C. Murphy  
mark

RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS.

Against Municipal Action.

Names down .....	112
Disqualification.....	27
Twice entered.....	2
	— 29
	— 83
	—

<i>For Municipal Action.</i>	
Names down from <i>Gazette</i> .....	80
Disqualifications .....	2
Disapproval of Ratepayers as to giving assent .....	6
	8
	72
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Against Municipal action .....	83
For Municipal action .....	72
	11
Majority against Municipal action .....	11

*Colonial Secretary's Office, 11th May, 1860.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Governor has had under his consideration in the Executive Council the Petition forwarded by you on the 29th February, and gazetted on the 12th March, praying that the Electoral District of Richmond might be proclaimed a Rural Municipality; together with a counter-Petition from certain Ratepayers in the District against the introduction of the measure.

His Excellency, after due consideration, feels compelled to decline proclaiming the District a Rural Municipality, inasmuch as the counter-Petition is signed by a larger number of persons than the Petition in favour. There could, therefore, be but little expectation that the management of the affairs of the Municipality would be satisfactory to the District at large, while there existed that want of unanimity so necessary for the successful working of new Institutions.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM HENTY.

E. W. B. BUTCHER, *Esq., Richmond.*

*Richmond, 19th June, 1860.*

SIR,

AT the request of the Ratepayers who signed the Petition which I transmitted to you in March last, praying that this District may be declared a Rural Municipality, I beg to be favoured with a copy of the counter-Petition which was forwarded to the Government, with the names attached thereto.

A majority of the most respectable and influential inhabitants of the District, being still in favour of Municipal action, and, believing that many of the signatures to the counter-Petition do not possess the necessary qualification required by law, they feel it due to the interests of the District to further ventilate the question.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. W. B. BUTCHER.

*The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, 25th June, 1860.*

SIR,

IN reply to your letter of the 19th instant, I am instructed to forward you the accompanying copy of the names inserted in the document which was received with the counter-Petition against the creation of a Rural Municipality in the District of Richmond, and purporting to contain a copy of the names in the original Petition, the signatures to which are in many cases nearly illegible.

The analysis of the names, as regards disqualification, was furnished by the gentleman forwarding the counter-Petition.

I have, &c.,

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

E. W. B. BUTCHER, *Esq., Richmond.*