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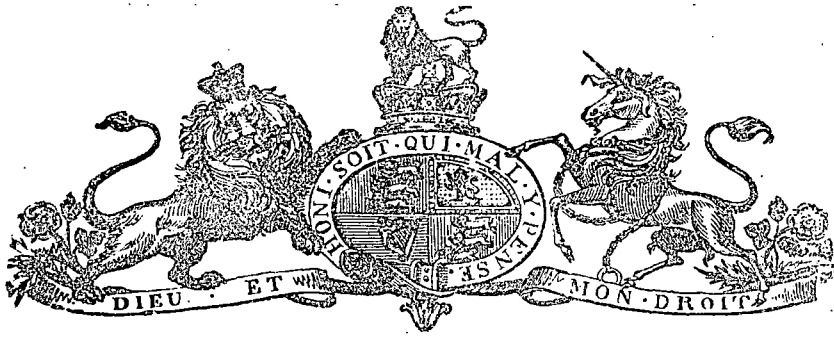
TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

EXTON ROAD DISTRICT.

PETITION IN RESPECT TO ROAD BOUNDARIES.

Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, and ordered by the House to be printed, November 14, 1876.



Deloraine, 7th July, 1875.

To His Excellency F. A. WELD, Esq.

I HAVE the honor to forward the accompanying Memorial for your consideration, and in explanation I beg to state that it is several months since it was written, consequently it was addressed to His Excellency Charles Du Cane, Esq.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM ABEY.

To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

The Memorial of the undersigned Ratepayers of the Road Districts of Deloraine, Exton, and the Upper Meander.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH.

THAT many of your Memorialists resident within the boundaries of the Road District of Exton have no interest in common with the other ratepayers in that District, and they receive no benefit whatever in return for their rates, inasmuch as their market is in Deloraine, and they have no road from their farm to that town.

That such of your Memorialists as are ratepayers in the Upper Meander Road District have had no opportunity for many years of exercising any control or having any voice in the management of the affairs of the District, as there has not been any meeting called for the election of Trustees, nor any statement of account published for some years past.

That many of your Memorialists have purchased land from the Government, expecting to have the same facilities for the transit of their produce to market as are provided in other parts of the Colony.

That your Memorialists believe if the boundaries of the Deloraine Road District are altered so as to include the portions of the Road Districts of Exton and Upper Meander, as shown by the annexed Plan, that the evils they complain of would no longer obtain, as the interest of the ratepayers within the boundaries indicated are identical in making and maintaining the necessary means of communication.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that Your Excellency will, in accordance with the powers conferred on you by the 33 Vict. No. 8, cause the boundaries of the Road District of Deloraine to be re-defined so as to include those portions of the Exton and Upper Meander District as shown on the Plan.

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

H. W. Laws, Chairman Deloraine Road Trust	Patrick Hayes, Arms of the Creek
William Abey, Treasurer ditto	William Abey, land at Quamby's Bluff, Deloraine
John Shepherd, Trustee ditto	Denis Kilby, Quamby's Bluff
James Morse, ditto	William Caffell, ditto.
John Hart, ditto	P. Walsh, ditto
P. L. Reid, ditto	Thomas Williams, his x mark, Quamby's Bluff; witness, F. T. Joyce
Michael Hoare, Quamby's Bluff	James M'Gowan, his x mark, Quamby's Bluff; witness, F. T. Joyce
David Bligh, his x mark, Quamby's Bluff; witness, F. T. Joyce	Cornelius O'Connell, his x mark, Quamby's Bluff; witness, F. J. Joyce
David Death, his x mark, Quamby's Bluff; witness, F. T. Joyce	Daniel Donohoe, his x mark, Quamby's Bluff; witness, F. T. Joyce
Denis Leary, his x mark, Quamby's Bluff; witness, F. T. Joyce	John Coghlan, his x mark, Quamby's Bluff; witness, F. T. Joyce
John Dunham, his x mark, Quamby Brook; witness, F. T. Joyce	John Gavin, Quamby's Bluff
Thomas Moran, Quamby's Bluff	Denis Collins, ditto
Alfred Readman, Quamby Brook	P. Keenan, ditto
John Carr, ditto	William Youd, Paddy's Scrub
Henry Jordan, Arms of the Creek.	John Kelly, his x mark, Paddy's Scrub; witness, F. T. Joyce
Michael Donovan, his x mark; witness, F. T. Joyce	

George Morse, Calstock
 Charles Morse, ditto
 Patrick King, Paddy's Scrub
 Benjamin Proverb, his × mark, Paddy's
 Scrub; witness, F. T. Joyce
 James Cook, his × mark, Paddy's Scrub;
 witness, J. Hart
 John Collins, Paddy's Scrub
 James Welsh, Quamby Bluff
 John Youd, his × mark, Paddy's Scrub;
 witness, J. Hart
 Hugh Gaffney, Arms of the Creek
 James Leach, ditto
 Martin Hayes, ditto

George Woods, Calstock
 James Morse, Deloraine
 Hubert Bramich, Quamby Brook
 William Larcambe, Reedy Marsh
 George Johnson, his × mark, Meander
 River; witness, J. Hart
 David Glynn, Reedy Marsh
 Henry Douglas, Boverbank
 Samuel Henry, Quamby Bluff
 J. W. Carroll
 A. J. Jolson
 E. C. Gregory
 Wm. Hughes

Exton Road Trust, 6th September, 1875.

SIR,

THE subject of the proposed re-definition of certain Road Districts, Exton being one, as published in Government Notice, No. 124, *Gazette* of 24th Aug. 1875, was brought under consideration of the Trustees of this District at their meeting on Friday last; and it is their unanimous desire that I, on their behalf, should write to you and protest against the proposed alterations of the boundaries of this district being carried into effect, for the reasons—

1st. That the rates and the tolls of the District are mortgaged to the extent of £400, and that so long as that obligation continues it would be unfair to the remaining ratepayers to reduce the area of the District.

2nd. That within the past few years the Trustees of this Road District have expended a large sum of money in purchasing land, erecting fencing, and constructing a road through the Retreat Estate for the use and benefit of the ratepayers in that neighbourhood; that so much money having been expended in that locality to a certain extent to the prejudice of the ratepayers in other parts of the District, it would be unjust now to cut off that portion of the District.

3rd. That the area on the south side of the Meander proposed to be taken from this District is the most important and valuable part of the District, and that to reduce the District as proposed would cripple it in every way, and make it hardly worth continuing it as a separate Road Trust.

4th. That the Trustees of this District were not consulted as to the proposed change, nor are they aware that there is any desire on the part of the ratepayers affected for such change to be carried out.

Under these circumstances I am requested by the Trustees to urge most strongly that the proposed alterations may not be made.

I have, &c.

(Signed) DANIEL BURKE, *Chairman of the Trust.*

The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works.

Exton, 23rd June, 1876.

SIR,

IN accordance with a resolution passed at a public meeting held here in reference to the recent alteration of the boundaries of the Exton Road District, I have the honor to request that you will favour me with a copy of the Petition, with the names of Petitioners, which gave rise to that alteration.

I have, &c.

(Signed) DANIEL BURKE, *Chairman of the Meeting.*

*The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works,
 Hobart Town.*

Lands and Works Office, 26th June, 1876.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, requesting to be furnished with copy of the Petition, with the names of Petitioners, which gave rise to alteration of the boundaries of the Exton Road District.

In reply I beg to acquaint you that the boundaries of the Exton Road District, as proclaimed on the 22nd February last, were not altered hurriedly; for, although the alterations were gazetted on the 24th August, 1875, no steps were taken to have them confirmed by Proclamation until the

21st February: so you will perceive that every opportunity was afforded the ratepayers to protest, by Petition or otherwise, against such alteration; but, beyond a letter received from you on behalf of the Trustees, no other demonstration of disapproval reached me. In addition, however, to the Petition in favour of the now proclaimed boundaries, the Honorable Member for your District pressed the Government strongly in favour of it. The Government has no desire whatever to act adversely to the wishes of a majority of the ratepayers; and, if it can be shown that a reconstruction of the boundaries would be more advantageous to their interests, I would have no objection to recommend the Governor in Council to alter and redefine the boundaries of the Road District of Exton.

I have, &c.

(Signed) WM. MOORE, *Minister of Lands and Works.*

DANIEL BURKE, *Esq., Exton.*

To His Excellency the Governor in Council, &c., Hobart Town.

The Memorial of the undersigned Landholders of the Road District of Exton.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT by Notice No. 124, published in the *Gazette* of 24th August, 1875, certain alterations were proposed to be made in the boundaries of the Road District of Exton; that the Trustees as representing the Ratepayers, being opposed to the said alteration, did on the 6th day of September, 1875, by their Chairman, forward to the Honorable the Minister of Lands a Protest containing reasons against the proposed alteration; but that, notwithstanding such Protest, the boundaries of the said Road District were redefined as proposed.

That the reasons so given by the said Chairman, and now most strongly urged by Memorialists, were as follows:—1st. That the Tolls and Rates of the District are mortgaged to the extent of Four hundred Pounds; and that so long as that obligation lasts it would be unfair to the remaining Ratepayers to reduce the area of the District. 2nd. That within the past few years the Trustees of this Road District have expended a large sum of money in purchasing land, erecting fencing, and constructing a road through the Retreat Estate, for the use and benefit of the Ratepayers in that neighbourhood; that so much money having been expended in that locality, to a certain extent to the prejudice of the Ratepayers in other parts of the District, it would be unjust now to cut off that portion of the District. 3rd. That the area on the south side of the Meander proposed to be taken from this District is the most important and valuable part of the District; and that to reduce the District as proposed would cripple it in every way.

And further, Memorialists on their own behalf allege that there is no desire on the part of the Ratepayers affected, and no other sufficient reason, for such change.

Memorialists therefore humbly pray that the Proclamation redefining the District may be rescinded, and that the District may remain as originally proclaimed.

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

Daniel Burke
James Thomas Kingston
Michael Walker
A. F. Rooke
Chs. Morse, his × mark
George Newton
W. H. Valentine
R. G. Horne
John Meagher
Michael Sullivan
Robert Hingston
Daniel Healey, his × mark
Edward Clutterbuck
W. Woolnough
Henry Martin
John Dawes, his × mark
Benjamin Proverbs, his × mark
John Collins, × his mark
George Pullen

Thomas Gillam
B. Garrett
John Youd, his × mark
James Cook
Samuel Walker
James Cooper
Charles Cooper
Isaac Richardson
Henry Dobson
William Barray
William Appleby
Daniel Tobin
Patrick M'Mahon
James Moore
Patrick King
Barth. Bramich
John Porter
Edward Porter
David Boyd

(Illegible.)
John Best
John Dunhan
Michael Foy
Samuel J. Winch
Charles Radford
Thomas Huntingdon
William Sodon
John Tyler
John Field
Dennis Breen
Robert Morico
Thomas Walker
Thomas Wadley
Daniel O'Brien
William Barnard
Thos. Wm. Field
Charles Best

Witness to all marks—Daniel Burke.