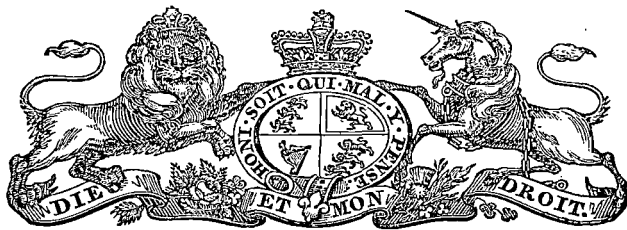


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TECHNICAL SCHOOL AT NEW NORFOLK:

PETITION FOR CONTINUANCE OF.

*(Mr. Gellibrand, November 2, 1892.)*

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Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed.



*To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council.*

The Petition of the undersigned Residents of the District of New Norfolk,

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

That we learn with much apprehension that it is contemplated to close the Technical School in New Norfolk at present carried on under the care of Mr. R. A. Proctor, Science and Art Master, of South Kensington, London.

We respectfully beg to bring under your notice the following particulars :—

1. That there are fifty-two enrolled students at present receiving instruction in various branches of Technical Education; and that the New Norfolk School will compare very favourably in point of numbers with either Launceston or Hobart.
2. That the 29 students who went up for examination last year were reported to have passed satisfactorily.
3. That Fred. A. Campbell, Esq., C.E., Director of the Working Men's College, Melbourne, in his Report to the Minister of Education in May last, makes reference to the New Norfolk Technical School as one out of which something might be made, and describes Mr. Proctor as an enthusiastic and efficient teacher, and recommends an extension of the teaching to suit the requirements of the district.
4. That the expense to the Government in carrying on this School is trifling when compared with the cost incurred in carrying on the other Schools, whether in Hobart or Launceston, or those existing in other country districts; while its efficiency, viewed in the light of the results already obtained, shows that the teaching imparted is of a thoroughly satisfactory character.

Your Petitioners therefore respectfully request that you will take the foregoing points into your favourable consideration, and continue to the district the advantages which it now enjoys in the existence of such an efficient Technical School, presided over by so qualified and experienced an instructor as Mr. Proctor.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 42 signatures.]