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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COURTS OF GENERAL AND PETTY
SESSIONS AT LATROBE.

PETITION.

Presented by Mr. Clerke, September 6; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
September 7, 1870.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers in the County of Devon, Tasmania.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT Latrobe occupies a central position in the Police District of Port Sorell, as may be seen by the accompanying plan.

That during the last few years Latrobe has rapidly risen in importance, and has now become the chief commercial Township in the District.

That the number of Vessels entering and leaving the River Mersey, which with a few exceptions are consigned to the Traders of Latrobe, is alone sufficient to prove its importance.

That the Parishes of Harford, Forrabury, Studley, Dulverton, Barrington, Kentishbury, Spreyton, Virginstow, &c. are rapidly increasing in population; and the inhabitants suffer much loss of time, and incur much expense, when attending the Local Court, the majority of them having to travel through Latrobe and seven miles further to Torquay.

That your Petitioners transact most of their business at Latrobe, and have no occasion to visit Torquay except on matters relating to the administration of justice.

That some time ago an Order appeared in the Government *Gazette* for a Weekly Court of Petty Sessions to be held at Latrobe. This Order has not been complied with; and not even Summonses or Warrants are obtainable at Latrobe.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honorable Council will be pleased to instruct the Government to establish Courts of General and Petty Sessions at Latrobe, thereby conferring a great boon on the inhabitants of the District.

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

[*Here follow 283 Signatures.*]