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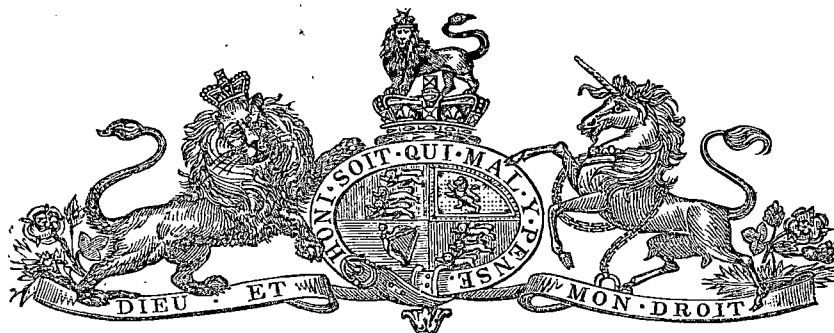
THIRLSTANE, GREEN BANKS, AND GREEN'S  
CREEK STATE SCHOOLS :

CORRESPONDENCE.

*Return to an Order of the Legislative Council. (Mr. McCall.)*

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Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed.



*Ordered*, That all Correspondence between the Latrobe Board of Advice and the Director of Education *re* Thirlstane, Green Banks, and Green's Creek State Schools, together with the Visiting Inspector's Reports on any of these Schools during the past Three months, be laid on the Table of this Council. (*Mr. McCall.*)

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### THIRLSTANE.

#### MEMO.

THE experiment at Thirlstane so far serves only to give a little colour to Mr. Stewart's representations, but it fails utterly to prove the *need* of the school, which, however, is obviously a *convenience* to a good many children.

My visit for examination was not unexpected, and I found 42 children present. Of these 42 children one was a temporary visitor, and 2 belong to the teacher's family. Of the 39 remaining at least 32 should (in the absence of this school) as previously reported attend elsewhere, which many of them previously did. Of the 7 who remain 3 are over 2½ miles from Green's Creek school (where, however, they formerly attended), and 4 may perhaps be allowed to be too young to walk far.

Of the 42 children referred to above only 2 have recently come to live on the Thirlstane estate, so that the condition of things has not changed in any material degree since my former reports were written.

*The Hon. the Minister of Education.*

J. MASTERS.  
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*Latrobe, 2nd December, 1892.*

*From the Chairman East Devon Board of Advice.*

SIR,

THE enclosed Petition was received at a meeting of this Board held at Latrobe yesterday, and it was resolved to forward the Petition to you as requested by the Petitioners, and at the same time to draw your attention to the correspondence on this subject during the past two years, and to point out that the enclosed Petition bears out this Board's previously expressed views about these schools. I trust that you will be pleased to take the disinterested advice of this Board (who are trying to do the best for the majority of the residents) before that of interested persons, who are simply working for their own ends.

Yours obediently,

GEORGE D. INGLIS, *Chairman.*

*The Hon. the Minister of Education, Hobart.*

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*To the Honorable Minister of Education.*

SIR,

WE, the undersigned inhabitants of Green's Creek and New Ground, having heard with much disapproval that a movement is on foot having for its object the closing of New Ground and Green's Creek Schools in order that Thirlstane may be made into a first-class school, therefore pray that you will not

entertain the Petition *re* the closing of our schools. At the same time we consider Thirlstane School is not required, as it is only two miles from New Ground School, and if any of the schools are to be closed it is Thirlstane that ought to be done away with, as the children attending there could easily attend either Green's Creek or New Ground Schools, and so keep up the attendance at old-established schools built and paid for by the inhabitants.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Names.	Representing No. of Children attending.	Names.	Representing No. of Children attending.
Thomas Addison.....	3	George Bramich.....	—
Andrew Dawson.....	2	A. C. Bonney.....	3
A. H. Mitchell.....	3	W. Stafford.....	3
A. A. Bramich.....	4	William Smith.....	3
J. R. Turnbull.....	2	Alfred Richardson.....	2
M. Harris.....	2	John Martin.....	5
W. L. Wescombe.....	3	Thomas Harrison.....	1
John Hancox.....	2	Alex. Robertson.....	3
John J. Stott.....	4	Joseph Coates.....	3
Henry Perry.....	3	James Fidler.....	2
Thomas King.....	4	Jacob Lehman.....	—
M. Collins.....	3	Thomas Bramich.....	1
Thomas Burgess.....	1	James Thompson.....	—
James Reynolds.....	2	Thomas Smith.....	2
William K. Gray.....	2	Mary L. Wescombe.....	1
Joseph Bramich.....	4	B. S. Oppenheim.....	—
George Turnbull.....	—	David King.....	—
Alexander Elphinstone.....	—	Robert Mitchell.....	—
G. Wescombe.....	3	William Keep.....	1
H. W. Addison.....	—		
T. S. Thomas.....	1		78
John M'Hugh.....	—		

*Education Department, Tasmania, Hobart, 8th December, 1892.*

SIR,

ACKNOWLEDGING your letter of the 2nd instant, I am instructed by the Minister to request that you will be good enough to inform the Petitioners, on whose behalf you wrote, that there is no question of closing the Green Creek and New Ground Schools.

I am also to inform you that the other matters mentioned in your letter will receive Mr. Douglas's careful consideration.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. STEPHENS, *Director of Education.*

*The Chairman East Devon Board of Advice.*