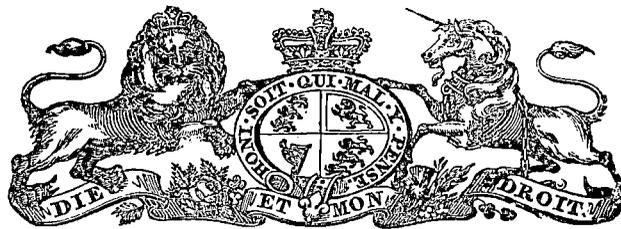


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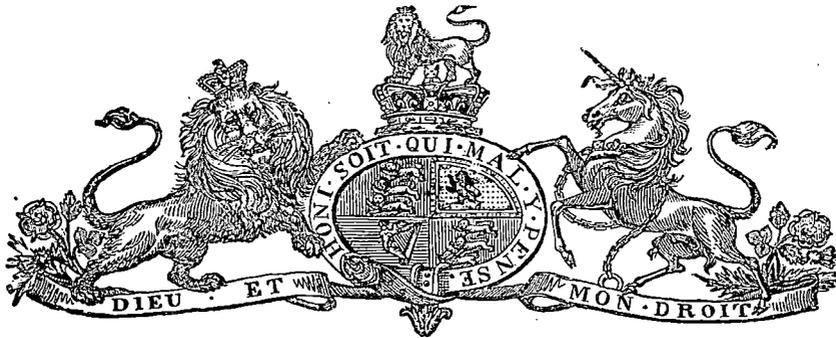


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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BRIGHTON MUNICIPALITY.
AGAINST PROPOSED ALTERATION OF BOUNDARIES.
PETITION.

Presented by Mr. Bisdee; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
August 21, 1863.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Police District of Brighton.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

1st. THAT your Petitioners view with surprise and alarm that a Bill is now before your Honorable House, entitled a Municipal Bill, by which it is proposed that the Municipality of Brighton shall comprise, besides the present Police District, the Municipality of Green Ponds, and portions of the Municipalities of Oatlands and Bothwell.

2nd. That your Petitioners are of opinion that the powers sought to be obtained by this Bill, whereby the Governor will be empowered to declare Municipalities and delineate their boundaries, are arbitrary in the extreme, destructive of the permissive principle of the present Act, and contrary to their ideas of Free Institutions.

3rd. That your Petitioners believe that, in the due administration and effective working of the proposed Municipality, no practical economy could be effected as compared with those of the two Districts; while separate interests and local jealousies incident to the two Townships, Pontville and Green Ponds, will at all times prevent the existence of harmonious co-operation so essential in every community.

4th. That your Petitioners deem it impolitic to incorporate any Districts without their consent; and the inhabitants of Brighton and Green Ponds having, in public meeting assembled, declared their aversion to amalgamation under any condition, your Petitioners consider that any coercive measure to effect such a purpose would be inimical to constituted authority.

5th. That your Petitioners, believing that the permissive principle of the present Municipal Act ought to be maintained inviolate, and that in amalgamating Brighton and Green Ponds no practical economy can be effected, nor sufficient harmony of action obtained; therefore respectfully, but earnestly, pray your Honorable House not to constitute the District of Brighton, as proposed, a Municipality, nor allow the said Bill to become law.

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

F. E. CHALMERS, *Chairman.*