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MEMORIAL TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Return to an Address dated September 26, 1867.

Laid upon the Table by Sir R. Dry, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
October 3, 1867.



To His Excellency Colonel Thomas Gore Browne, C.B., Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

The Memorial of the undersigned

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT your Memorialists, for a considerable time past, have had forced upon them the painful conviction of increasing juvenile depravity in this Colony.

That, notwithstanding all the educational and religious means employed for the benefit of the young, a great number are growing up in open vice and profligacy, without parental care or sense of shame; and that no means exist for restraining their vicious habits, or suitably punishing their violations of the laws.

That there is no probability of this portion of the Community being kept from a course of crime, and from becoming confirmed in vicious habits, but by removal from the degrading associations by which they are surrounded.

That your Memorialists most respectfully submit that the experience of European Nations and of the British Colonies shows the adaptation of Industrial Schools, joined with Reformatories under Government control, to the education and recovery of these sons and daughters of poverty and crime.

That the great success which has attended Industrial Reformatories in other countries proves them to be the most efficient and economical means of preventing the growth of a pauper and criminal population.

That your Memorialists do, therefore, most respectfully and urgently pray Your Excellency to adopt such measures as shall issue in the establishment of Industrial Reformatories, so much needed in this Colony.

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

[Here follow 42 Signatures.]