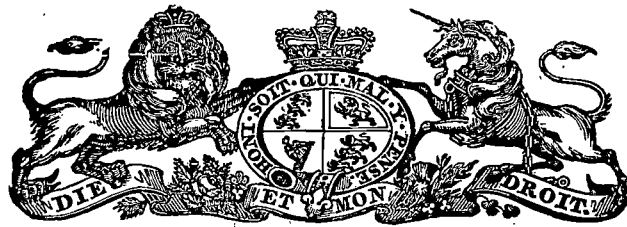


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**BARRACK SQUARE (IMPROVEMENTS):**

PETITION.

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Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands, September 14, 1880, and ordered by the House to be printed.



Hobart Town, 24th February, 1880.

SIR,

HAVING regard to the many improvements going on in the City by the erection of new houses and the beautifying of others, regret is frequently expressed by the citizens, and our visitors generally, that the Barrack Square, one of the most prominent and valuable sites in the City, should be left in its present state, enclosed as it is by an unsightly fence, answering no purpose unless it may be to prevent easy access to the other parts of the City.

We have not been unobservant of the fact that other questions are and have been engaging the attention of the Government, but we trust that our present representation may not be deemed less important, but may receive your earliest and most favourable consideration.

By the removal of the unsightly fence referred to, and the laying out of the ground (an area of 21 acres) upon some approved plan, an incalculable benefit will be conferred upon the citizens in providing them with recreation ground, thus compensating them for the loss of that in the Domain taken away some while back for railway purposes, whilst the easy means of communication to all parts of the City would prove a great boon to the inhabitants generally.

We have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your very obedient Servants,

[Here follow 64 Signatures.]

*The Honorable* CHRISTOPHER O'REILLY, *Esq., M.H.A.,*  
*Minister for Lands and Works, Hobart Town.*

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FORWARDED for the observations and recommendations of the Engineer-in-Chief.

C. O'REILLY.  
26. 2. 80.

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I SHOULD recommend this to the most favourable consideration of the Government, and that it be thrown open as soon as the lease by present occupiers could be terminated.

The expense of any improvements not having been provided for in this year's Estimates, and not being a strictly fair charge against "Repairs to Public Buildings," I would further recommend that a small sum be provided next year out of Vote for Domain, Franklin and Barrack Squares, which would be sufficient to lower present fences and provide a few nice seats; the greater improvements would then probably soon follow.

JAMES FINCHAM, *Engineer-in-Chief.*  
28. 2. 80.