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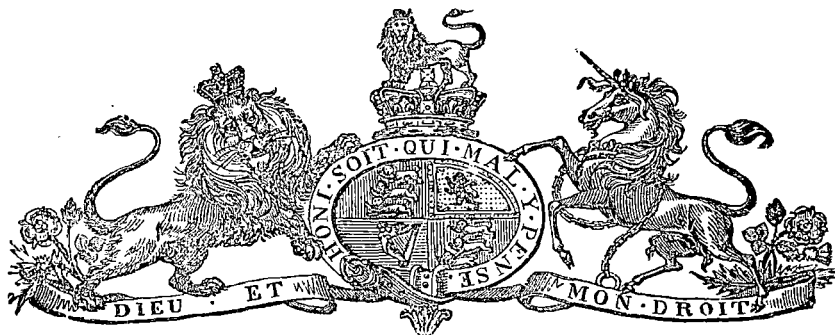
T A S M A N I A.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

GREEN PONDS MUNICIPALITY.

ALTERATION OF BOUNDARIES.

PETITION.

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



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

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Municipality of Green Ponds.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT, having heard that in the new Government scheme it is proposed to merge the Municipality of Green Ponds in the proposed Municipality of Brighton, they beg most respectfully, but firmly, to protest against such incorporation.

That Green Ponds having been a Municipality for the last eighteen months, your Petitioners have had no reason to be dissatisfied with the way in which it has worked.

That the Municipality is at present out of debt, and the Superannuation Fund untouched, save for rewards.

That your Petitioners consider the joining them to Brighton, contrary to their wishes, would be most arbitrary and unjust, inasmuch as their principal reason for applying to be formed into a Municipality was to be separated from that District; that they had felt for years the inconvenience of having to travel from Green Ponds to Brighton (a distance of 12 miles) to obtain Licences, attend the various Courts held there, or to transact any other business requiring their attendance at the Police Office of that District.

That Kempton is a larger and more populous Township than Brighton, and consequently more fitted for the sittings of a Municipal Council; but that should the proposed Act pass, owing to the larger population surrounding Brighton, that claim would be ignored, although Brighton is situated on the verge of the District, and Green Ponds near the centre.

That your Petitioners perceive that small portions of the Municipalities of Oatlands and Bothwell have been added to the proposed Municipality of Brighton; that your Petitioners are aware that nearly the whole of the inhabitants included in those portions of the above-named Municipalities petitioned to be joined to Green Ponds, in consequence of the distance that they were from the Townships of their respective Municipalities; but that the merging them into Brighton, instead of obviating the evil, would add to it, by increasing instead of diminishing the distance they would have to travel, and that, although those inhabitants would be desirous of joining Green Ponds, they would be opposed to being added to Brighton.

That, under these circumstances, your Petitioners hope that your Honorable Council will allow the Municipality of Green Ponds to remain a Municipality, with the addition of the small portions of Oatlands and Bothwell which have already prayed to be annexed to this Municipality.

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

[Here follow 124 Signatures.]