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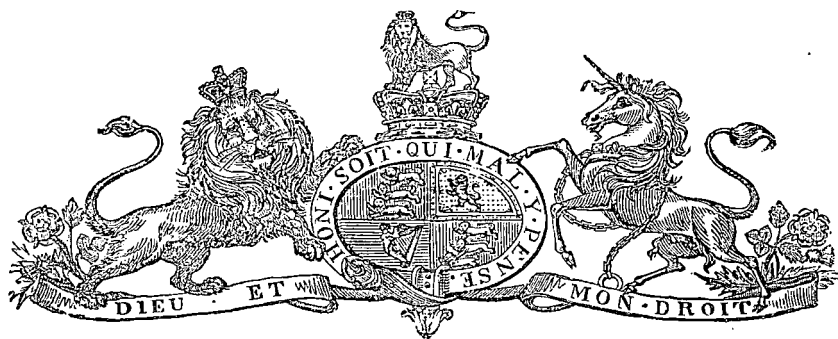
T A S M A N I A.

PORT SORELL RURAL MUNICIPALITY.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS.

(Return to an Order of the House.—Mr. Meredith, 2 August, 1860.)

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, 8 August, 1860.



Monkend, Burgess, 17th December, 1859.

SIR,

I HAVE this day had the honor to transmit to His Excellency the Governor, through you, original Petitions from 123 resident Electors of the Police District of Port Sorell for a Rural Municipality, to which, as some of the signatures are not distinctly written, I have appended a legibly written list of names of each Petition, as numbered, for the printer's information.

I had hoped to have obtained from the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer information asked for, connected with the proposed future Municipality of Port Sorell, before the transmission of this document to the Governor (representing as it does £7360), as well for the Requisitionists themselves, as satisfactory to myself as the originator of a measure which I trust will eventually be for the true interests of this District.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

GEORGE ROBSON.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

To His Excellency SIR H. E. F. YOUNG, *Knight, Governor-in-Chief and Captain-General of the Island of Tasmania, &c.*

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Police District of Port Sorell or Road District of Devon, in the Island of Tasmania.

SHOWETH :

THAT by virtue of an Act of Parliament of Tasmania, called the Rural Municipal Act, Your Excellency is empowered under certain conditions to proclaim any District in the Island a Rural Municipality.

That we, the undersigned proprietors and occupiers of property in the said District, of the value, as shown by the Valuation Roll, of not less than Twenty Pounds per annum, pray that Your Excellency will cause the Police District of Port Sorell or Road District of Devon to be declared a Rural Municipality.

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

<i>Names and Residences.</i>	<i>Rates.</i>	<i>Names and Residences.</i>	<i>Rates.</i>
	£		£
George Robson, Monkend, Burgess	45	George Muggeridge, ditto	80
D. Phillips, Formby	40	T. Murphy, ditto	25
Thomas Johnson, Frogmore	393	Daniel Harvey, ditto	25
M. J. Solomon, Formby	80	George Best, Mersey	79
Sampson Andrews, North Down	33	Frederick Wilkinson, Surgeon, &c., Tor-	
William Harris, Woodcote	68	quay, Port Frederick	42
George Wergan, Woodcote		James Sayer, Torquay	20
Stephen Kelsey, Mersey	160	M. Stephens, ditto	125
John D. Jowett, Torquay	42	James Watson, ditto	32
Robert Latimer, ditto	145	Robert Stewart, ditto	540
James Alfred Latimer, ditto	40	R. Winspear, ditto	150

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Thomas J. Roberts, Mersey	33	Joseph Suckling, ditto.....	20
N. S. Hedstrom, Formby	60	John Palmer, ditto	75
James Naylor, Wenvoe	50	Thomas Close, ditto.....	30
John Murray, ditto	23	Ellis Atkinson, Tarleton	25
W. Dean, Romney	150	Joseph Raymond, Don Saw-mill Com- pany	360
David Cocker, Mersey	50	Anderson Cummings, ditto.....	
Edward Allen, Latrobe	100	James Mears, Don	20
John Harrison, Tarleton	58	F. J. Flight.	
John Matthews, Ballahoo	38	T. B. Button, Forth.....	60
Amos Langmaid, Tarleton	20	his	
William King, Ballahoo.....	100	John × Hogan, Forth; witness James mark. [Fenton	25
John Davis, ditto	60	Thomas O'Donnell, Forth	30
William Bennett, Alfred Colliery	120	Patrick Brew, ditto	20
William Herron, River Mersey	30	Daniel Monson, ditto	21
James Jeffrey, ditto.....	25	Alexander Logan, ditto	90
Robert Bell Bentinck, Latrobe	100	Thomas Trebilcock, ditto	50
Christopher Bonney, ditto	25	G. P. Milligan, ditto	46
James Fenton	142	Leslie Patterson, ditto	45
W. B. Button, River Leven	50	Frederick C. Staveley, ditto.....	20
James Elliott, ditto	30	James Brown, ditto	55 10s.
Daniel Lines, ditto	25	James Wilson, ditto.....	20
Henry Burt, Gawler River.		John Pleas, ditto	20
Hugh M'Culloch, ditto.		Thomas Thoms, ditto	36
James A. Fogg, ditto	60	John Martin, ditto	20
William Smith, Leven.....	48	F. L. Von Bibra, Kentish Plains	65
Andrew Risby, ditto	56	Moses Philbrook, Don River	20
Barnard Lynch, ditto	35	George Atkinson, senior, Latrobe	80
John Parsons, ditto	30	Thomas Johnson, junior, near Sherwood, River Mersey	50
E. B. Walker, West Leven.....	60	William Dawson, ditto, ditto	65
James W. Bishop, ditto	20	Thomas Clarkson, ditto, ditto.....	20
George M'Donald, junior, Leven	50	Stephen Kelsey, junior	26
George Lewis, ditto	20	Thomas Atkinson, Moriarty Road.....	20
Charles Durrant, ditto	20	James Paulett, Kentisbury.....	30
George C. Walker, } Forth	110	William Reed, Johnson's Estate, near Frogmore	over 25
A. M. Walker, }		Thomas Sheard, near Formby	25
James Smith, ditto	40		
Edward J. Beecraft, ditto	80		
James M. Dooley, ditto	81		
William Jones, ditto	24		
Robert Jones, River Don	50		

Monkend, Burgess, 17th December, 1859.

SIR,

AGREEABLY to previously expressed expectation, I have the honor to transmit to Your Excellency, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, original Petitions from 123 duly qualified resident proprietors and occupiers of property within the District limits, to cause the Police District of Port Sorell to be declared a Rural Municipality.

In reference to the numerical expression of opinion favourable to District Municipality, I have the honor to remark, that the exceedingly defective state of the Property Valuation Roll of 1858, under which the signatures, now respectfully submitted for Your Excellency's perusal, were obtained, has greatly diminished its force; and that had it been deemed desirable to have suppressed the object until the new Valuation Roll had been constructed, I am led to believe additional signatures to the extent of 70 or 75 would have been tendered.

As it is, I have felt it my duty to withhold the *rates* of several Electors in the collective documents, who, although they will severally become duly qualified in the valuation now in course of preparation, have not yet been submitted to a Sessional Bench of Magistrates for revision.

I am further called upon to explain, that several of the signatures in the Petition numbered one were obtained by me as far back as December, 1858, and then limiting the proposed Municipality to the *Road* District, instead of the Police District, which would have the effect of leaving a few miles of the Port Sorell *Police* District outside to Emu Bay.

Conceiving this to present a difficulty to Her Majesty's Government connected with Police matters, united to a strong desire on the part of the residents west of the Leven River to be

included in the Municipality, I requested the sanction of nearly all the original requisitionists to a change, which has been readily accorded.

It is personally satisfactory to myself to have been the original promoter of a measure so readily responded to, and which I conscientiously believe to be for the interests, commercial as well as agricultural, of this district.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's very obedient Servant,

His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief.

GEORGE ROBSON.

To His Excellency SIR H. E. F. YOUNG, Knight, Governor-in-Chief and Captain-General of the Island of Tasmania, &c.

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

George Robson, Monkend	James Alfred Latimer, Torquay	James Smith, Forth
Daniel Phillips, Formby	George Muggeridge, ditto	Edward Beecroft, ditto
Thomas Johnson, Frogmore	Timothy Murphy, ditto	James M. Dooley, ditto
M. J. Solomon, Formby	Daniel Harvey, ditto	William Jones, ditto
Alfred Wells, Scott's Plains	George Best, Mersey	Robert Jones, River Don
Benjamin Sykes, Felkirk	Frederick Wilkinson, Torquay	Joseph Suckling, Don
Nathaniel Williams, Angle Farm	James Sayer, ditto	John Palmer, ditto
Edward Robson, New Ground	M. Stephens, ditto	Thomas Close, ditto
Charles Duke, ditto	James Watson, ditto	Ellis Atkinson, Tarleton
William H. T. White, ditto	Robert Stewart, ditto	Joseph Raymond, Anderson
Henry Pillenger, ditto	Roger Winspear, ditto	Cummins, Don Saw-mill
George Hall, Hermitage	Thomas J. Roberts, Mersey	James Mears, Don
R. J. White, New Ground	N. S. Hedstrom, Formby	T. H. Button, Forth
William Hunker, ditto	James Nayler, Wenvoe	John Hagan, his x mark, Forth.
George Shea, ditto	W. B. Dean, Romney	Witness—J. Fenton.
Robert Beveridge, Valleyfield	David Cocker, Mersey	Thomas M'Donald, Forth
Maurice Nathan, Burgess	Edward Allen, Latrobe	Patrick Bren, ditto
William Garon, North Down	John Harrison, Tarleton	Daniel Morson, ditto
Robert T. Robson, ditto	John Matthews, Ballahoo	Alexander Logan, ditto
Isaac Stoot & James Stoot, ditto	Amos Langmaid, Tarleton	Thomas Trobilcock, ditto
Charles King, Blackwood Scrub	William King, ditto	G. P. Mulligan, ditto
Samuel Watters, North Down	John Davis, ditto	Leslie Patterson, ditto
Edward Williamson, Woodcote	William Bennett, Alfred Colliery	Frederick C. Staveley, ditto
Henry Colley, Burgess	William Heron, Mersey	James Brown, ditto
Sampson Andrews, North Down	James Jeffrey, ditto	James Wilson, ditto
William Harris, Woodcote	R. Bell & Bentick, Latrobe	John Pleas, ditto
George Wergun, ditto	Christopher Bonney, ditto	Thomas Thomas, ditto
John Connor, Conville	James Fenton, Forth	John Martin, ditto
Robert Summers, Burgess	T. B. Button, Leven	F. L. Von Bibra, Kentish Plains
James Smith, Spring Valley	Daniel Lines, ditto	Moses Philbrook, Don
Joseph Wiffin, Pardoe	James A. Fogg, Gawler	James Elliott, Leven
John Martin, Rubicon River	William Smith, Leven	George Atkinson, sen., Latrobe
Charles Dewhurst, North Down	Andrew Risby, ditto	Thomas Johnson, jun., Mersey
John Lampery, Green's Creek	Bernard Lynch, ditto	Wm. Dawson, ditto
J. B. Doyle, ditto	John Parsons, ditto	Thomas Clarkson, ditto
John Oakley, Weston Park	E. B. Walker, West Leven	Stephen Kelsey, jun., ditto
Timothy Eatoc and William	James W. Bishop, ditto	Thomas Atkinson, Moriarty Road
Clayton, New Ground	James Lewes, Leven	James Pawlett, Kentisbury
William Reynolds, ditto	George M'Donald, jun., ditto	William Reed, Frogmore
Stephen Kelsey, Mersey	Charles Durrant, ditto	Thomas Sheard, Formby
John D. Jowett, Torquay	Geo. C. Walker, A. M. Walker,	
Robert Latimer, ditto	Forth	

N.B.—Representing £7300 of Rates.

MEMO.

22 December, 1859.

THE Surveyor-General is requested to furnish the Colonial Secretary with a Tracing showing the boundaries of the Road District of Devon and the Police District of Port Sorell, marked in different coloured inks.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

Monkend, Burgess, 7 January, 1860.

SIR,

I HAD the honour on the 18th ultimo to post to your official address, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor, a Memorial in four parts, numbering One hundred and twenty-four or five signatures, being expressive of a desire that the Port Sorell District should be proclaimed a Rural Municipality; and, having received two Government *Gazettes* since that period without the usual insertion of it, I am apprehensive of some miscarriage.

I have the honour to be,
Your very obedient Servant,
GEORGE ROBSON.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 10 January, 1860.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, referring to your former communication of the 18th ultimo, forwarding a Memorial from a number of the inhabitants of the Police District of Port Sorell praying that the District might be proclaimed a Rural Municipality.

Some delay has been occasioned by the wording of the Memorial, which mentions the Road District of Devon in the first instance, and to which it appears the words "the Police District of Port Sorell" were added, thus proposing a different boundary to that originally written in the document; but I have now to inform you that the proposal, as extending to the Police District of Port Sorell, will be considered in the Executive Council without delay.

I have, &c.,
B. T. SOLLY, A.C.S.

G. ROBSON, *Esq., Monkend, Burgess.*

Monkend, Burgess, 13 January, 1860.

SIR,

I HAD the honor yesterday to receive your letter of the 10th instant, acknowledging mine of the 7th, referring to my former one of the 18th ultimo, informing me with the cause of some delay in the consideration of a Petition enclosed therein, but that the proposal, as extending to the Police District of Port Sorell, will be considered in the Executive Council without delay.

I am directed to express a hope that, under the 4th Section of the 21st Victoria, No. 50, the *Gazette* publishing date "may" be that of its receipt (the Petition) by you as Colonial Secretary, which it is presumed would be on or about the 20th December, 1860.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your very obedient Servant,
GEORGE ROBSON.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 13.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 14th January, 1860.

THE Governor in Council having received a Petition signed by not less than fifty persons who are proprietors or occupiers of property in the Police District of Port Sorell, of the annual value, as shown in the Valuation Roll, of not less than Twenty Pounds, praying that the said

Police District may be declared a Rural Municipality under the "Rural Municipalities Act," His Excellency in Council hereby causes the said Petition to be published in the *Gazette*, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, and the said Petition is as follows:—

To His Excellency Sir H. E. F. YOUNG, Knight, Governor-in-Chief and Captain-General of the Island of Tasmania, &c.

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Charles King, Blackwood Scrub	William King, ditto	G. P. Mulligan, ditto
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John D. Jowett, Torquay	Geo. C. Walker, A. M. Walker,	
Robert Latimer, ditto	Forth	

N.B.—Representing £7300 of Rates.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 17 January, 1860.

SIR,

I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, in which you request that the publishing date of the Petition for a Rural Municipality for the Police District of Port Sorell may be the date of its original receipt by the Colonial Secretary.

In reply, I am directed to inform you that the Petition appears in this day's *Gazette*, and, according to the terms of the 4th Section of the 21st Victoria, No. 50, it bears the date of its receipt by the Governor in Council.

It would be impossible to comply with your request, had it not already been published, as the wording of the Section refers to the receipt of a Petition by the Governor in Council, and not by the Colonial Secretary.

I have, &c.,

B. TRAVERS SOLLY, A. C. S.

GEORGE ROBSON, Esq., *Monkend,*
Port Sorell.

North Down, 13th March, 1860.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to enclose a Petition from several Ratepayers, praying that the Police District of Port Sorell may not be declared a Rural Municipality, which I shall feel obliged by your forwarding to His Excellency. Trusting you may give it your support,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

SAML. H. THOMAS.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

*To His Excellency SIR H. E. F. YOUNG, Knight, Governor-in-Chief
and Captain-General of the Island of Tasmania.*

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Police District of Port Sorell, in the Island of Tasmania.

SHOWETH:

WHEREAS a Petition has been forwarded to Your Excellency, praying that the Police District of Port Sorell may be declared a Rural Municipality: We, the undersigned, being fully convinced that such an enactment will be highly detrimental to the interests and prosperity of the District, beg leave most respectfully to draw the attention of Your Excellency to the fact that several of those persons who signed the former Petition are now convinced of their error, and have repudiated their former act by signing the present Memorial.

We therefore trust Your Excellency will not entertain the prayer of the preceding Petition.

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

Jocelyn Thomas.
Henry John Wilson.
PP—B. W. Thomas.
W. F. Wright.
S. H. Thomas.
M. W. Loane.
John Moore.
William Findlay.
William Nibbs.
Joseph Wiffin.
D. Phillips.
J. G. Upton.
R. Winspear.
Mary Stephens.
James Bennett.
John Bishton.
Tim. Murphy.
J. A. Latimer.
Charles Oldaker.
Timothy Woods.
William Garton.
Edward Williamson.
Samuel Walters.

William Hanker.
Charles Duke.
R. J. White.
William White, his x mark.
Witness—Henry Douglas.
Robert Beveridge
David Waddell
Abm. Wren
John Martin
Osmond Wigan.
John Lamprey.
Henry Pillenger.
James Norman.
Joseph Bramich.
Edwin Addison.
M. R. Loane.
John Oakley.
Patrick Roache.
James Krepp.
John Harrison.
Joshua Lyons.
Hugh Walker.
James Walker.

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Thomas Towner.
J. J. Gwinne.
James Mears.
Sampson Andrews.
James Madden.
Henry Reading.
James Reading.
Michael Roach.
J. H. M'Call.
Mary Deman.
Charles Saunders.
Robert Parrot.
Murtagh Sheehan.
John S. Nottage.
Henry Cole.
Michael Taylor.
James Wilson.
Thomas Sheard.
George Baker.
Wm. Broaches Baker, by
George Baker.
George Rockliff.

Isaac Stoot.
James Stoot.
Charles Dewhurst.
E. M'Killop.
W. Harris.
G. Wergun.
Amelia Bartlett.
John Reid.
Robert Somers, his × mark.
Witness—Henry Douglas.

B. W. Caston.
James Powlett.
Henry Colly, his × mark.
Witness—Henry Douglas.
John Williams.
George Hall.
George Shea.
David Renolds.
W. Clayton.
John Stevens.

Francis Rockliff.
James Smith.
Matthew Williams.
J. B. Doyle.
Charles King, his × mark.
Witness—Henry Douglas.
Wm. Renolds, his × mark.
Witness—Henry Douglas.
Henry Douglas.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 16th March, 1860.

MY DEAR SIR,

IN returning the Petition against Port Sorell being declared a Rural Municipality, I have to request that you will be good enough to furnish a fair copy of the Signatures, and the value of the Properties of which the Petitioners are Owners or Occupiers as shown on the Assessment Roll now in force.

Some of the names are to me totally illegible, and you have, probably, the means of deciphering them at hand.

I am, my dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

S. H. THOMAS, *Esq.*, North Down, Port Sorell.

North Down, 24th March, 1860.

DEAR SIR,

ACCORDING to your request I beg to enclose a fair copy of the Petition praying that the District of Port Sorell may not be declared a Rural Municipality. I should not have forwarded the very dirty original had I been aware that a copy would have answered the purpose.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours very truly,

SAMUEL H. THOMAS.

B. SOLLY, *Esq.*

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Petitioners' Names.	Value.	Petitioners' Names.	Value.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Jocelyn Thomas	52 10 0	D. Phillips	40 0 0
John Bishton	200 0 0	J. G. Upton	50 0 0
Henry John Wilson	56 0 0	R. Winspear	151 0 0
W. F. Wright	137 2 0	Mary Stephens	125 0 0
S. H. Thomas	501 10 0	James Bennett	94 10 0
M. W. Loane	140 0 0	Amelia Bartlett	170 0 0
John Moore	210 0 0	his	
William Findlay	50 0 0	Robert + Somers	10 0 0
William Nibbs	40 0 0	mark	
Joseph Wiffin	100 0 0	Witness, Henry Douglass	

Petitioners' Names.	Value.			Petitioners' Names.	Value.				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
George Hall	196	0	0	David Reynolds	35	0	0		
Robert Beveridge	90	0	0	William Clayton	25	0	0		
David Waddell	121	0	0	John Stevens					
Abraham Wren	35	0	0	Stephen Miller (German)	25	0	0		
John Martin	30	0	0	Thomas Towner	100	0	0		
Osmond Wigan				J. J. Gwinne	51	0	0		
John Lamprey	10	0	0	James Mears	20	0	0		
Henry Pillinger	25	0	0	Sampson Andrews	33	0	0		
James Norman	17	0	0	James Madden	116	0	0		
Joseph Bramich	395	0	0	Henry Reading	50	0	0		
Edwin Addison				James Reading	60	0	0		
M. R. Loane	52	0	0	Michael Roacher	35	0	0		
John Oakley	55	0	0	J. H. M'Call	20	0	0		
Patrick Roache				Mary Deeman	21	0	0		
James Krepp	7	0	0	Charles Saunders	30	0	0		
John Harrison	55	10	0	Robert Parrott	20	0	0		
Joshua Lyons	135	0	0	James Powlett	110	0	0		
Hugh Walker	10	0	0	Henry Colley	27	0	0		
James Walker	10	0	0	John Williams	13	15	0		
Benjamin Caston	15	0	0	George Baker	7	2	0		
Timothy Murphy	25	0	0	Wm Broachers Baker, by George					
J. A. Latimer	40	0	0	Baker	200	0	0		
Charles Oldaker	75	0	0	George Rockliffe	24	0	0		
Timothy Wood	30	0	0	Francis Rockliffe	80	0	0		
William Garton	50	0	0	Nathaniel Williams	57	0	0		
Edward Williamson	20	0	0	his					
Samuel Walters	25	0	0	Charles × King	20	0	0		
Isaac Stott	41	0	0	mark					
James Stott				Witness, Henry Douglass					
Charles Dewhurst	57	0	0	Murtagh Sheehan	26	0	0		
E. M'Killop	350	0	0	John S. Nottage	20	0	0		
W. Harris	68	0	0	Henry Cole	40	0	0		
G. Wergan				Michael Taylor	30	0	0		
John Reid	75	0	0	James Wilson	20	0	0		
William Hanker	150	0	0	Thomas Sheard	25	0	0		
Charles Duke	25	0	0	James Smith	55	0	0		
R. J. White	25	0	0	J. B. Doyle	20	0	0		
his				his					
William × White				William × Reynolds	35	0	0		
mark	mark								
Witness, Henry Douglass	Witness, Henry Douglass								
George Shea	45	0	0	Henry Douglass	319	14	0		

Gross amount Valuation of Property of Petitioners £6257 13s.

Monkend, Burgess, 1st April, 1860.

SIR,

I HAD the honor to transmit to you, in December last, a Petition from a majority of the Ratepayers of the Port Sorell Police District, favourable to a Local Government by a Rural Municipality.

The Petition has been before His Excellency the Governor and his Executive Council beyond the usual period for consideration, and the receipt of any counter Petition; and I am in receipt of several letters from Petitioners for information, the last of which I enclose, with copy of reply, to show the Honorable the Executive Council the wishes of the original majority before unduly influenced.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE ROBSON.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

Torquay, 30th March, 1860.

DEAR SIR,

There is serious misgivings among some of your friends here concerning your existence, as we have not heard from you, nor have you been seen in Torquay lately. Are you politically

non est? To be serious, as you have had the correspondence with H. M. G. we feel anxious to know if you have received any thing fresh on the Municipality question. We think it would be well to remind the Government that the time has elapsed, and we have not heard any thing definite about the counter petition; and if it is of any weight we would like to see the original, as we are prepared to prove that names are on that list without the consent of the parties, B. Thomas to wit; and I think many have signed it that are not rated at £20 per annum. Let us hear from you, especially as it is now currently reported that you are really to be the Warden, at the enormous salary of £150, which is not very tempting.

Yours truly,

JAMES CARTLEDGE.

To Captain ROBSON,
Port Sorell.

Monkend, Burgess, April 1st, 1860.

DEAR SIR,

I AM not in receipt of any further information on the subject of the Municipal Petition, although, as you observe, it has been submitted to the consideration of the Executive Council beyond the period required by the Act.

I had, however, previously apprised the Executive that the Counter-Petition contained unauthorised names, as well as names of persons not rated at twenty pounds, as required by the same Act.

As regards the concluding paragraph of your note, I have not taken, nor shall I take, a single step to procure the office of "Warden;" but after the active part I have undisguisedly taken, in the event of a Municipality, should I be proposed and elected to the office of either Councillor or Warden, I will not shrink from an effort to effect that economy I believe to be the duty of a Local Council, even though it should involve a "Wardenship with a £150 salary!" which, without itinerating the duty, I think as much as a Rural Municipality could sanction.

The latter office could only suit a person without occupation, and of private income equal to domestic requirements, (in moderation) without the salary; and it is only under those circumstances I would accept either a Police Magistracy or a Wardenship on the terms, for either of which I am not without friends who deem me qualified.

I have already complied with your request, and am your faithful servant,

GEORGE ROBSON.

Mr. JAMES CARTLEDGE,
Torquay.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 10th April, 1860.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, respecting the Petition from Port Sorell, requesting that that District might be declared a Rural Municipality; and, in reply, I have the honor to inform you that the necessary Proclamation has not been issued in consequence of a counter-Petition having been received, which is now before the Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

B. TRAVERS SOLLY, *Assistant Colonial Secretary.*

GEORGE ROBSON, *Esq.*,
Burgess, Port Sorell.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 4th May, 1860.

SIR,

THE Governor in Council, having had before him conflicting representations of the views of the Ratepayers in the Port Sorell District, and his attention having been arrested by the fact that the same names are in some instances attached both to the Memorial for, and that

against, the District being created a Rural Municipality, His Excellency is at a loss to conclude whether he would be responding to the matured opinions of a majority, by adopting one course or another.

His Excellency in Council also feels that the success of the proposed experiment would be imperilled, were it entered upon in the face of any very decided opinion adverse to it, entertained by a large and influential section of the inhabitants; and I have, therefore, to acquaint you that the Government will await a representation which shall convey to it the genuine and decisive opinion of the Ratepayers at the present time.

I have, &c.

(For the Colonial Secretary, absent,)

B. TRAVERS SOLLY, *Assistant Colonial Secretary.*

GEORGE ROBSON, *Esq.*,
Monkend, Burgess.

10th May, 1860.

THE Governor in Council has decided upon declining to proclaim the District of Port Sorell a Rural Municipality, the want of union amongst the principal proprietors in the District giving little hope of the satisfactory working of such an Institution.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT.

H. E. F. Y.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Monkend, Burgess, May 12, 1860.

SIR,

IN reference to your letter of the 4th instant, to which I would not reply until to-day, after conferring with those with whom I have hitherto co-operated on the subject of a Rural Municipality for the Police District of Port Sorell.

I am informed that, "in consequence of the conflicting representations of the views of the Ratepayers who have petitioned for, as well as those who are against, the District being created a Rural Municipality, His Excellency is at a loss to conclude whether he would be responding to the matured opinions of a majority."

I am instructed to convey to His Excellency in Council the deep feeling of regret of the original Petitioners in favour of self-government, that His Excellency in Council should attach to a minority the consideration which by the Municipal Act is due only to a majority,—a course they cannot but view as a departure from a well-defined rule of action.

Your letter further informs me, that "the Government will await a representation which shall convey to it the genuine and decisive opinions of the Ratepayers at the present time."

I am directed to remark, that the two months allowed for opposition afforded ample time for canvas and expression of any adverse opinions, limited as, it may be seen, that opposition was to a small portion only of the extreme Eastern boundary of the District, where two gentlemen held considerable influence over the outward actions of a certain number of the Ratepayers; and that the decision of the Government arrives when those originally adverse had, in the unusual delay of five months, subsided into a cordial desire for co-operation in a measure they had looked upon as already decided by the 4th section of the Act,—a decision well calculated to re-open the disunion which recently characterised the District.

It is no longer a problem on the one hand that the counter Petition embodied many defective points, and would not bear the test of a scrutiny; several signatures were ingenuine; more deficient in the twenty pound qualification; and others being unauthorised, to wit—B. W. Thomas, and others whose signatures will now appear in a supplementary Petition of new names, which will forthwith be forwarded.

On the other hand it is contended, that the original Petition not only embodies a majority of the influential and respectable Ratepayers, but is genuine, and all save four qualified to sign.

I am further instructed to express, on the part of the originators, a fixed determination to use every legitimate and constitutional means to obtain and avail themselves of the liberality presented for their acceptance by the late decision of Parliament.

In conclusion, should the Governor in Council yet adhere to its rule of action, as contained in your letter of the 4th, the originators will feel obliged by a transmission of a copy of the signatures of the counter Petition, in order to avoid as far as possible names which appear in both Petitions, of which many would now avail themselves.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,
GEO. ROBSON.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 18th May, 1860.

SIR,

IN compliance with the wish contained in your letter of the 12th instant, I herewith forward to you the Names of the Subscribers to the Petition against Port Sorell being created a Rural Municipality.

I have, &c.,
WM. HENTY.

GEO. ROBSON, *Esq., Monkend, Burgess.*

Monkend, Burgess, May 26, 1860.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, and its enclosure, "Names to a Petition against Port Sorell being declared a Rural Municipality."

The latter enables me to place before the Executive Council a genuine and decisive opinion of the large majority of Fifty-one qualified Ratepayers, whose names are now in juxtaposition before you.

A reference to the Devon Valuation Roll for 1859, which up to April 11, 1860, ought to have guided both Petitions, will readily show that on the first, or Municipal Petition, there were—

Municipalists.....	124
Of whom signed the Counter.....	35
	— 89
Balance in favor Anti-Municipalists.....	91
Less disqualified Signatures.....	18
	—
	73
Who signed both Petitions.....	35
	— 38
	—
Showing a genuine majority of 51 in favor of Self-government.....	51

I take the opportunity of appending the disqualified List of Names, with a view to its being easily tested by comparison with the Valuation Roll for 1859.

It will be seen that Twenty-eight out of the Thirty-five who voted against Municipality were situated at a remote east corner of the District, where two respectable Pluralists exercised great influence; viz.—

Number 1. North Down, New Ground, and Green's Creek.....	28
2. Upper Mersey, Tarleton, Ballahoo, & Formby.....	5
3. Both sides of the Don, Forth, Leven, & Gawler Rivers, and Kentish Plains.....	0
4. Mersey River, west.....	2
	— 7
	—
Total who signed both Petitions.....	35

In conclusion, I believe I shall best be meeting the desire of His Excellency the Governor, for a genuine and decisive opinion of the Electors on the subject, as well as that of the Electors themselves generally, by calling a Special General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the District, and have acted accordingly, in order to afford a public opportunity of expressing their more matured opinions.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,
GEORGE ROBSON.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

NAMES of disqualified Petitioners on the Counter Petition from the District of Port Sorell.

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| Michael Taylor, rated at £10. | John Stevens, not on Roll of 1859. |
| James Norman, £17. | Benjamin Caston, ditto. |
| Hugh Walker, £10. | Charles Saunders, ditto. |
| James Walker, £10. | Robert Parrott, ditto. |
| Murtagh Sheehan, £6. | John Silvester Nottage, ditto. |
| James Krepp, £7. | Thomas Sheard, ditto. |
| Edwin Addison, not on Roll of 1859. | James Mears, ditto. |
| J. J. Gwynne, ditto. | Clarence King, ditto. |
| Francis Rockcliffe, ditto. | W. B. Baker (a minor), ditto. |

Norwood, River Forth, 2nd June, 1860.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward a Supplementary Memorial to the Governor, praying His Excellency to establish a Rural Municipality in the District of Port Sorell.

The document represents the opinion of gentlemen, whose competency to judge as to the best interests of a district in which they have a considerable stake, and whose general intelligence is such as, I trust, will ensure a favourable decision from the Governor in Council.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
JAMES FENTON.

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| J. W. Gleadow. | W. L. Gordon. |
| John Crookes. | E. J. Dawes. |
| W. S. Button. | A. M'Naughtan. |
| C. G. Casey. | W. Spotswood. |
| M. Gaunt. | H. Dowling. |
| C. S. Button. | W. Clerke. |
| W. Brean. | T. M. Clerke. |
| J. Aikenhead. | A. Clerke. |
| W. Douglas. | J. J. Gwynne. |
| J. H. Wedge. | W. Mason. |
| J. Pyke. | J. Pascoe. |
| A. Gardiner. | C. J. Irvine. |
| C. G. Kennedy. | J. Drysdale. |
| E. F. Dease. | G. Gilmore. |

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

Torquay, 5th June, 1860.

SIR,

I AM requested by the parties signing the enclosed Petition to forward the same to you, for the consideration of the Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
JOHN D. JOWETT.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

WE, the undersigned Proprietors, Electors of the Police District of Port Sorell, severally rated as shown by the Valuation Roll at and above Twenty Pounds, do cordially desire to join in the Petition for a Rural Municipality for that District, formerly transmitted to His Excellency in Council:—

<i>Names and Residences.</i>	<i>Rates.</i>	<i>Names and Residences.</i>	<i>Rates.</i>
	£		£
B. W. Thomas, Appledore.....	175	J. A. Latimer, Torquay.....	40
William Jowett, West Mersey and Leven.....	47 10s.	Edwin Cummings, River Don.....	121
James Madden, West Mersey	120	Henry Cole, River Coast.....	40
T. Murphy, Torquay.....	25	M. Deeming, near Formby.....	21
Mary Stephens, Torquay.....	70	Charles Cleary, Formby.....	20
		Charles Outram, near Formby.....	20

WE the undersigned, Electors of the Police District of Port Sorell, severally rated (as shown by the Valuation Roll) at and above £20, do cordially desire to join in the Petition for a Rural Municipality for that District formerly transmitted to His Excellency the Governor in Council.

<i>Name and Residence.</i>	<i>Valuation.</i>	<i>Particulars of Qualification.</i>
John Ward Gleadow, Launceston	£ 24	£10 page 7 original Roll, £4 page 7 1859, £10 page 10 in 1860 roll.
John Crookes, ditto	under 20	On the Roll.
W. S. Button, ditto	37	£23 in Roll for 1860, £4 in 1859, £10 in 1858.
C. Button, ditto	under 20	
C. G. Casey, ditto.....	337	£326 in 1859, £10 10s. in 1860.
M. Gaunt, ditto	45	In Roll for 1860.
W. Brean, ditto	131	£7 in Roll for 1860, £124 in 1859.
James Aikenhead, ditto	under 20	
Wm. Douglass, ditto.....	100	£30 in 1860, £25 & £45 in pages 5 & 7, 1858.
J. H. Wedge, Perth	40	In Roll of 1858.
James Pyke, ditto.....	40	1859 Roll.
Arthur Gardiner, Hobart.....	32	Page 10 Roll for 1860.
C. Q. Kennedy, Launceston.....	25	Page 11, 1860.
E. F. Dease, ditto.....	39	£25 page 9, 11, 1860; 14, page 6, 1859.
J. L. Jordan, England.....	64	Page 11, 1860.
E. J. Dawes, Launceston.....	35	£32 page 9, 1860, £3 page 6, 1859.
A. M'Naughtan, ditto	104	£40 page 12, 1860, £64 page 8, 1859.
C. Spotswood, ditto	25	Page 13, Valuation Roll 1860.
Henry Dowling, ditto	520	Executor in Thomas Drew's estate, £50 page 9, 1860, £470 page 6 1859.
William Clerke, Mountford	32	Page 8 Valuation Roll 1860.
T. M. Clerke, ditto	41	Ditto.
J. S. Clerke.....	130	Ditto.
Alexander Clerke, Mountford	245	£150 page 8, 1860, £20 page 1, 1858, £75 page 2, 1858.
J. J. Gwynne, Launceston.....	37 10s.	Page 10 Valuation Roll 1860.
W. Mason, Longford.....	108	Page 12 Valuation Roll 1860.
James Pascoe, Carrick	35	Page 13, 1860.
C. J. Irvine, Launceston	25	Page 10, 1860.
John Drysdale.....	25	Page 9, 1860.
George Gilmore, Launceston	25	Page 10, 1860.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 12th June, 1860.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Colonial Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, forwarding a Supplementary list of Petitioners for the establishment of a Rural Municipality in the district of Port Sorell.

Before it is submitted to the Governor, I have to request you will be good enough to

furnish a copy of the list, with a reference to the properties and annual values, by virtue of which the Subscribers are enabled in the terms of the Act to petition for a Municipality, as I have been unable to trace some of them as holders of property of the requisite annual value, viz., £20.

I have, &c.,

B. T. SOLLY, *Assistant Colonial Secretary.*

JAMES FENTON, *Esq., Norwood, River Forth.*

Monkend, Burgess, 12th June, 1860.

SIR,

IN compliance with a Resolution contained in the Minutes of a Special General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Police District of Port Sorell, that I should, as Chairman on its behalf, transmit to the Honourable the Executive Council its proceedings, I have the honor to do so, and to express a hope that the unanimity displayed in its brief Resolutions will best convey to His Excellency the Governor the genuine and decisive opinions of the District at the present time.

In my capacity of Chairman, it was my duty to acquaint the Meeting, that the majority of signatures in favour of a Rural Municipality amounted to Ninety (90), and that the several Petitions containing the names, (a copy of which was then laid on the Table), was before the Executive Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

GEO. ROBSON, *Chairman of the Meeting.*

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

AT a Special Meeting of Ratepayers qualified to vote on the subject of a Rural Municipality for the Police District of Port Sorell, held on the 11th day of June, 1860, at the house of Mr. Andrew King, Torquay, pursuant to advertisement in the *Launceston Examiner* and *Cornwall Chronicle* newspapers, to receive their mature opinion of the desirability or otherwise of claiming from the Governor in Council a Proclamation agreeably to the prayer of the two Petitions;

George Robson, Esquire, called to the Chair.

On the motion of Mr. Cartledge, seconded by James Fenton, Esquire, it was resolved—"That it is the opinion of this Meeting that a Municipality should be declared for the Police District of Port Sorell." Carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Hedstrom, seconded by Mr. James Latimer, it was resolved—"That this foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable the Executive Council, on behalf of this Meeting, by the Chairman." Carried unanimously.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Torquay, 11th June, 1860.

GEORGE ROBSON, *Chairman.*

Norwood, June 19, 1860.

SIR,

IN compliance with your request I herewith forward you a copy of the Supplementary Municipal Petition, with the particulars of the respective qualifications of the parties signing.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES FENTON.

The Honorable W. HENTY, Esq., Colonial Secretary.

Port Sorell, Burgess, 9th July, 1860.

SIR,

I HAD the honor, on the morning of the 12th of last month, to post to your official address, (and agreeably to a Resolution passed at a General Special Meeting of Ratepayers of Port Sorell, held at Torquay on the previous day, pursuant to advertisement, and at which I was elected Chairman,) the Minutes of the Meeting, accompanied by an expression of hope, that the unanimity of that gathering would convey to the Governor in Council the genuine and decisive opinion of the District on the subject of a Rural Municipality.

From the lapse of time without reply or acknowledgment, I am requested to state a fear exists of its delivery, possibly owing to recent postal changes, not conducive to regularity in this portion of the District, as the Committee of which I am a member cannot assent to the possibility of indifference on the part of the Honorable the Executive Council on a subject so important to the District.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE ROBSON.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 13th July, 1860.

SIR,

IN reply to your letter of the 9th instant, referring to your previous communication of the 12th ultimo, I am directed to inform you that it came duly to hand, and that the subject is receiving the attention of the Government.

I regret that, by an oversight, I should have omitted to acknowledge its receipt at the time.

I have, &c.,

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

GEO. ROBSON, *Esq.*, *Port Sorell.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, 24th July, 1860.

SIR,

THE Government, after due consideration of the documents which have been from time to time forwarded on the subject of a Rural Municipality for Port Sorell, considers that it is inexpedient to take any steps in reference to this matter based on the Petitions now before it.

The grounds of objection which were mentioned in my former letter cannot, in the consideration of so important a measure, be considered as adequately removed by the steps which have been subsequently taken; and in order, therefore, to place the Government in a position (totally unembarrassed by the past) to decide the question, it is deemed necessary to let the required proceedings be commenced *de novo*.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM HENTY.

GEO. ROBSON, *Esq.*, *Port Sorell.*