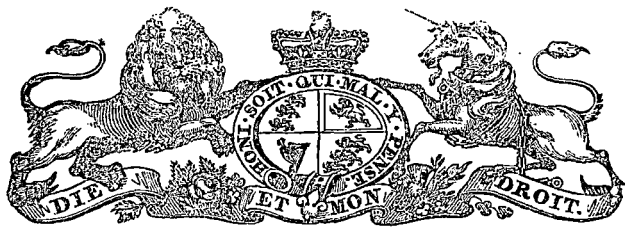


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P E T I T I O N No. 25.

MR. KIRWAN.

Presented by Mr. Butler, and ordered by the House to be printed, 31 August, 1860.



*To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly
of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of J. W. KIRWAN.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

1. THAT your Petitioner entered the Public Service of this Colony on the 26th October, 1839.
2. That amongst the various offices which your Petitioner filled during his service, were those of Private Secretary to the late Sir J. Eardley-Wilmot, Bart., and Mr. Latrobe, and Clerk of the Councils under Sir W. Denison. That for the manner in which your Petitioner discharged these important offices he received the thanks and approbation of these high functionaries; and that, in the latter instance, that approbation was conveyed in a Public Notice in the *Gazette*.
3. That on the 24th June, 1857, your Petitioner was informed by the present Colonial Secretary, that the office which he then held of Police Magistrate was to be abolished, and that his services would be dispensed with on the 1st August, 1857, *in consequence of Police reductions*.
4. That on the 22nd July, 1857, the Colonial Secretary forwarded to your Petitioner a "Pension Form" to fill up with his Services, *in order (as stated) to enable the Government to decide upon the amount of Pension to which, under the Resolutions of the House of Assembly, he was entitled; and which Pension Form was shortly afterwards re-transmitted to your Petitioner, with the sum of £90 per annum inserted therein, by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, as the amount of Pension to which he was entitled.*
5. That so satisfied were the Government under the Ministry of W. N. Champ, Esq., late the Honorable Colonial Secretary, with the efficient discharge by your Petitioner of his duties as Police Magistrate, that that Officer recommended in October, 1856, an increase to your Petitioner's salary of £50 per annum, when, by the ordinary Rules of the Service, he would not have become strictly entitled to it until he had served a further period of *Four years* in such office: that, on the same grounds, the Ministry which succeeded the Honorable W. N. Champ not only endorsed that recommendation, but, when they had decided on reducing the number of Police Magistrates in the Huon District, intimated to your Petitioner that he was to be the sole Police Magistrate for the north and south Huon Districts.
6. That the present Government concurred in, and carried into effect, the recommendation of their predecessors, by placing upon the Estimates (Supplementary) in May, 1856, the sum of £50 per annum, in addition to his Salary, as an acknowledgment of his services.
7. That, during the last Session of Parliament, a certain document or statement was placed upon the Table of your Honorable House containing reflections upon your Petitioner, in connection with, and as affecting his claim and right to Pension, but unaccompanied by that documentary or other information from your Petitioner which was essential to a right understanding of his case, and to which your Petitioner has not been allowed an opportunity of replying.
8. That inasmuch as your Petitioner has not yet received his Pension by reason of such document or statement aforesaid, and inasmuch as they have been received by your Honorable House in prejudice to his claim to pension, it appears to your Petitioner to be simply justice that he should be allowed to refute them; and fully relying upon the sense of justice and right inherent in your Honorable House, he humbly prays that your Honorable House will take the premises into consideration, and allow him before a Committee of your House to vindicate himself, and demonstrate, which he is prepared to do, that censure has been cancelled because unjust; that in other instances it has been based upon erroneous information, and in others founded upon misrepresentation.

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

Kingston, 27th August, 1860.

J. W. KIRWAN.