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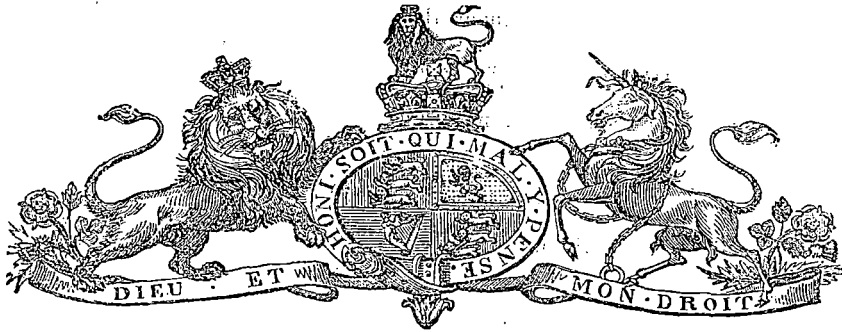
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

MUNICIPAL ACTION, PORT SORELL:

PETITIONS, &c.

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Premier's Office, 23rd June, 1885.

MEMO.

THE Chief Secretary requests the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works to cause him to be supplied as early as possible with a map, showing the boundaries of the Municipal District of Mersey, with the boundaries of the Electoral District of East Devon, excepting the Parishes of Kentishbury and Northam, marked thereon.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY, *Chief Secretary's Office,*
27th September, 1884.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works.

Chief Secretary's Office, Hobart, 14th October, 1884.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the Petition for the creation of a new District under the style and title of "The Municipal District of Latrobe," together with a copy of the Valuation Roll for the District of Port Sorell for the present year, with the request that you will be good enough to cause the name of each Petitioner assessed at the value of £20 and upwards to be marked thereon, and also to have marked on the Petition the page on the Roll where such Petitioner's name appears.

I have, &c.

ADYE DOUGLAS.

J. M. DOOLEY, *Esq., M.H.A., Hobart.*

House of Assembly; 25th October, 1884.

SIR,

I BEG to return you herewith Petition *re* Latrobe Municipality, referenced as requested so far as I could be certain of. Those not referenced are said to have property in other places in the District, which, in the aggregate, would qualify them as £20 ratepayers.

May I hope the Petition will be gazetted as early as convenient?

I have, &c.

The Chief Secretary

J. M. DOOLEY.

*To His Excellency SIR GEORGE CUMINE STRAHAN, R.A., K.C.M.G.,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

THE humble Petition of the undersigned owners and occupiers of property of not less than Twenty Pounds assessed annual value within the area hereinafter proposed to be taken from the Municipal District of the Mersey and proclaimed a new District, under the style and title of "The Municipal District of Latrobe," prayeth that Your Excellency will, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, alter and re-define the boundaries of the Municipal District of Mersey by taking from the area of the said District the whole of the Electoral District of East Devon, excepting the Parishes of Kentishbury and Northam, and proclaim the area so taken to be a new District under the style and title of the Municipal District of Latrobe.

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

George Atkinson, landholder, Latrobe District.	James East, landholder.
W. Whitaker, householder, ditto.	W. S. Allanby, for Commercial Bank.
J. W. A. Shirt, landholder, ditto.	Rd. Taylor, freeholder.
Edwd. Bartlett, householder, ditto.	John Reeves, freeholder.
Mark Cullen, landholder, ditto.	Allen Clark, freeholder.
George A. Wakeham, landholder, ditto.	A. Thos. Phillips, freeholder.
Alfred Boatwright, householder, ditto.	S. Sternberg, ditto.
Wm. L. Bartlett, ditto, ditto.	N. S. Hedstrom, Fiji; by his Agent, R. C. Fairlam.
Chas. J. Brewer, for Bank of Australasia, ditto.	Moses Wicks.
Ryton Oldham, householder, ditto.	B. Betts, freeholder.
G. W. Barker, ditto, ditto.	D. Palmer, freeholder.
Henry Phillips, landholder.	Fred. T. Chapman, freeholder and landowner.
Alfred Field, householder, ditto.	John Herps, (his x mark), landowner;
John G. Matthews, landholder.	witness W. H. Mence.
Martin Thompson, freeholder.	John Greenhill, landowner.
George D. Inglis, landholder.	G. Padman, freeholder.
George Banfield, landholder.	Sarah Wright, landowner.
Wm. Fletcher, landholder.	James Bonney, landowner.
G. T. Davis, land and householder.	Daniel French, landholder.
Ecles Sharman, landholder.	Wm. Hughes, landholder.
W. Metcalf, Cordial Maker.	Isabella Brydon, freeholder.
H. Lewis, landholder.	David Annear, Wesleyan Minister.
John Brown, freeholder.	James J. Noone, Catholic Pastor.
J. G. Park, L.R.C.Ph. & L.S.A.L.	William Clarke, landholder.
Henry Rockliff, freeholder.	J. W. Ross, storekeeper.
W. H. Piper, freeholder.	James Herrick, landholder.
N. Rezo, occupier.	Thomas Brown, landholder.
J. G. Johnson, freeholder.	Andrew Craigin, freeholder.
M. Ellis, freeholder.	B. S. Oppenheim, freeholder.
G. Fawkner, householder.	Frederick Maddox, freeholder.
H. Elmer, freeholder.	Wm. Herran, freeholder.
W. Gadsby, householder.	M. L. Tucker, occupier.
S. Wright, freeholder.	William Smith, owner and occupier.
Enoch Higgs, freeholder.	James Bennett, jun., landholder.
E. A. Clarke, householder.	William Wilson, occupier.
Catherine Wilson, freeholder.	Thomas Bonney, farmer, freeholder.
John Hyams, householder.	Geo. W. Rudge, freeholder.
Theodore Batten, householder.	R. Purdy, freeholder.
Frank L. Stephenson, freeholder.	R. Locke, occupier.
Elvin Atkinson, landholder.	D. L. Wescombe, landholder.
Amos Atkinson, landholder.	Eli Clark, landholder.
Andrew Allan, freeholder.	Alex. Dawson, landholder.
John Tucker, householder.	Martha Bramich, freeholder.
Arthur Fletcher, freehold.	W. F. Von Bibra, landholder.
R. Manard, landholder.	Albert Lamprey, landholder.
James Thompson, freeholder.	David King, landholder.
Ernest Rissman, householder.	A. W. Bramich, landowner.
Samuel Ready, freeholder.	Thomas Midgley, landholder.
Jno. Mitchell, freeholder.	John Batsford, landholder.
Margaret Mitchell, freeholder.	Jacob Uhman, landowner.
J. R. Scott, Civil Engineer, householder.	H. H. Downward, for Union Bank of Australia, Limited.
Frederick Brown, freeholder.	Thomas Addison, landowner.
Charles Paice, freeholder.	Michael Lee, landholder.
John Innis, householder.	Thos. Hainsworth, landholder.
Henry Murray, householder.	George Rockliff, landowner.
Matthew M'Questin, freeholder.	Joseph Rawson, landowner.
Joseph Rosman, householder.	Francis Rockliff, sen., landowner.
A. H. Mitchell, landholder.	Patrick Hagerty, landowner.
Fredk. Young, landholder.	John Rockliff, land occupier.
Richd. C. Fairlam, landholder.	
Eliza A. Finch, landholder.	

Henry Weeks, landowner.
 Fredk. Rockliff, land occupier.
 John Rockliff, jun., land occupier.
 Edwin Addison, landowner.
 James H. Bellion, occupier.
 William Wyatt, land occupier.
 William Barnes, landowner.
 John Hayes, (his + mark), landowner;
 witness W. H. Mence.

John Ramsdale, landowner.
 James Bennett, landowner.
 George A. Wakeham, (Trustee Oddfellows' Hall).
 Michael Mahoney, landowner.
 Robert Bauld, landowner.
 Thos. H. Cutts, occupier

Chief Secretary's Office, Hobart, 3rd November, 1884.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Petition presented by you from certain owners or occupiers of land in the Electoral District of East Devon will be published in to-morrow's *Gazette*.

I have, &c.

ADYE DOUGLAS.

J. M. DOOLEY, *Esq., M.H.A., House of Assembly.*

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 308.

Chief Secretary's Office, 3rd November, 1884.

THE Deputy Governor in Council has been pleased, in accordance with the provisions of "The Rural Municipalities Amendment Act, 1880," 44^o Victoria, No. 26, to approve of the publication of the following Petition from certain owners or occupiers of land in the Electoral District of East Devon.

By His Excellency's Command,

ADYE DOUGLAS.

To His Excellency SIR GEORGE CUMINE STRAHAN, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

THE humble Petition of the undersigned Owners and Occupiers of Property of not less than Twenty Pounds assessed annual value within the Road District of Kentish Plains, do protest against the whole of the Parishes of Stoodley and Dulverton being included in the proposed Municipal District of Latrobe. And your Petitioners further pray that Your Excellency, in redefining the boundaries of the proposed Latrobe Municipal District, pray that the Mersey and Deloraine Railway be the boundary; commencing at Kimberly's Ford on the River Mersey, then along the line *via* Rialton to Mr. Amos Langmaid's selection; then along southern boundary lines of lots selected by Jacob Bower, John Ryan, C. T. Brewer, and George Williams; then along northern boundary lines of lots selected by James Thompson, W. Howard, and S. F. Oliver on the River Don.

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

John Hope.
 James Work.
 John Duff.
 Henry Day.
 Andrew Ballantyne.
 Alexr. Turnbull.
 Joseph F. Schmidt.
 Reuben Wm. Austin.
 W. R. Jones.
 Chas. Morey.
 Alex. Turnbull, jun.
 George Whiley.
 Charles Billing.
 Edward Easton.
 Elizabeth Dyer.
 George Redpath.
 Donald Cameron.
 William Exell.
 Robert Pease.
 Alexr. G. Pease.
 Henry Overton.

his
 John × Davis.
 mark.
 Witness—Alex. Turnbull.
 John Morris.
 Mary Ann Lord.
 Isaac Wilson.
 Joseph Crack.
 R. F. Luttrell.
 C. D. W. Banfield.
 E. Morse.
 James Cables.
 John M'Farlane.
 William Stewart.
 G. A. Newman.
 W. J. Jeffrey.
 Henry Smith.
 John T. Wilson.
 Jos. Wilson.
 John Robertson.
 Charles Coleman.

George Jubb.
 James Husband.
 John Husband.
 James Mosse.
 Frank H. Greenhill.
 Albert Wyatt.
 James Butt.
 William Bannon.
 Isaac Tyler, jun.
 Albert P. Anderson.
 Henry Cooper.
 Wm. Winter.
 Matthew Maloney.
 Richard Murfet.
 Mrs. Strawberry.
 James Butcher.
 William Goss.
 Robert Goss.
 Henry Hope.
 Andrew Hope.

Latrobe, 4th February, 1885.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to call your attention to the Government Notice, No. 308, in the *Gazette* of 11th November, 1884, and to suggest that the time for taking further action in the matter has arrived. The Petitioners under the said notice are anxiously waiting the result, and have requested me to thus remind you of the time, &c.

I have, &c.

J. M. DOOLEY.

The Hon. the Premier.

Premier's Office, Hobart, 19th February, 1885.

SIR,

IN reply to your letter of the 4th instant, calling attention to Government Notice, No. 308, in the *Gazette* of the 11th November, 1884, I have the honor to inform you that the subject matter therein referred to is now under consideration, and will receive the early attention of the Government.

I have, &c.

ADYE DOUGLAS.

J. M. DOOLEY, *Esquire, M.H.A., Latrobe.*

Formby, November 27th, 1884.

DEAR SIR,

IN accordance with a Resolution passed at a public meeting held at Torquay the 26th November, whereby the Chairman was advised to transmit to you a Petition of the ratepayers of this Municipal District against the proposed Latrobe Municipality, and protesting against the separation of Torquay from Formby, as such division and alteration would be injurious to the interests of both the aforesaid towns, &c.—

I beg further to explain that the Petition herewith was signed by electors present at the public meeting, and similar Petitions are now in circulation and will be forwarded to you in a few days; but it will be evident from the fact of 36 signing on the spot, that strenuous opposition will be offered to Latrobe cutting out and carving up the district in any manner they may think proper, without in the least consulting the interests of the districts affected or allowing them a voice in the matter; and it is well known that not a single elector in the district and town of Torquay would vote for such a scheme, or any arrangement that would unite Torquay with Latrobe, as the interests of the two towns are opposed to each other in *every way*.

The Petition from Latrobe is signed by 98 ratepayers, but of these nine are not entitled to a vote, as the list is an old one, and from deaths and other causes only 89 are genuine electors; and as there are 287 electors in the district affected by the change, it will be seen at a glance that the Petition from Latrobe is signed by a considerable minority, and does not in any way represent the wishes of the people the proposed Municipality would affect and injure.

As Chairman of the meeting held yesterday, I received a communication from Mr. Hope, of Kentishbury, where a similar meeting was held to protest, as we are doing, against the action of a few Latrobe agitators, and a copy of Mr. Hope's note I beg to enclose. The ratepayers of Barrington and Spreyton are also up in arms against such arbitrary and wanton interference with the rights of the people, there being 198 voters who have not signed for Latrobe against only 89 who are clamorous for a Latrobe Municipality.

In conclusion, I sincerely trust that you will pause ere you advise the union of such discordant elements, and with such a minority; and if it is the wish of the Government that country centres should become Municipalities, we trust we shall at least have the freedom of inviting the union of such as might work in harmony, without attempting to coerce with a high hand any outside districts into a detestable and impracticable union, to be followed by disunion upon the first opportunity, which latter course we are now endeavouring to avoid.

Leaving this matter to your favourable consideration,

I remain, &c.

THOS. P. COWLE,

Chairman of Public Meeting held at Torquay, 26th November.

To the Hon. the Chief Secretary.

Kentishbury, 25th November, 1884.

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE been instructed by public meeting, held at the *Sheffield Inn*, on Saturday, 22nd, to inform you that it is the intention of a large majority of the ratepayers of this District to take immediate steps to prevent Latrobe from taking or including any part of this District in the proposed Municipality of Latrobe.

I have, &c.

JOHN HOPE, *Chairman of the Meeting.*

*To the Chairman of the Public Meeting
to be held at Torquay on 26th instant.*

To His Excellency SIR GEORGE CUMINE STRAHAN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers of the Municipal District of Mersey,

SHOWETH :

That your Petitioners are informed and believe that a Petition has been presented to Your Excellency praying for a division of the Municipal District of Mersey as at present defined for Municipal purposes, and the constitution of the Municipal District of Latrobe thereout.

That the proposed division of the District of Mersey is inequitable, and, your Petitioners believe, contrary to the wishes of the majority of the landholders.

That your Petitioners desire to inform Your Excellency that in their opinion such a division would be prejudicial to their interests, for the following, among other reasons :—

“That dividing two townships such as Torquay and Formby, the interests of which are identical,—making each the corner of a district, instead of the two forming as they do at present, and must in the future, the centre of a district,—would be a most unjustifiable proceeding, fraught with injury to the residents thereof, and to the landholders in the respective vicinities of the two townships.”

That your Petitioners believe the object of those who seek to have the District divided can be readily obtained under the Act recently passed authorising the formation of Town Boards.

That the names of the majority of landholders required by law to cause the boundaries of a Municipal District to be re-defined, or to constitute a new Municipal District, does not appear appended to the Petition presented for such purpose.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased not to exercise your power to proclaim the proposed Municipal District of Latrobe.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Thos. P. Cowle, land and houseowner.	E. Taylor, house and shipowner.
R. W. Thomas, landowner.	E. Higgs, householder.
Stephen Kelcey, landowner, miller, &c.	J. Pebber, householder.
G. F. Bradley, landowner.	R. Piper, house and landowner.
W. Burk, landowner.	G. Laycock, landowner.
G. Tucker, householder.	Chas. M'Kay, landowner.
Geo. P. Moore, householder and mill proprietor.	H. A. Pratt, householder.
William Bennett, householder.	J. Sayer, householder.
Henry Carter, landowner.	John Henry, householder and mill proprietor.
William Smith, landowner.	Fras. Oldaker, landowner.
John Gibson, landowner.	John Murray, landowner.
R. D. Stewart, landowner.	J. H. M'Call, landowner.
Charles Saunders, householder.	Andrew Christensen, landowner.
J. M'Call, householder and landowner.	W. G. Burk, householder.
Frederick A. Padfield, householder.	A. Henderson, landowner.
Albert G. Burton, householder.	John Hardstaff, householder.
Henry Morgan, householder.	Robert Gardam, householder.
M. Wood, householder.	Charles J. Hall, landholder.

Torquay, 21st January, 1885.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to enclose to you, for presentation to His Excellency the Governor, such of the petitions against the formation of the Municipal District of Latrobe out of the Municipal District of Mersey as have been returned to me. There are still one or two petitions in circulation which I hope to forward during the ensuing week.

I have, &c.

CHARLES J. HALL.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary, Hobart.

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SHOWETH :

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That the proposed division of the District of Mersey is inequitable, and, your Petitioners believe, contrary to the wishes of the majority of the Landholders.

That your Petitioners desire to inform your Excellency that in their opinion such a division would be prejudicial to their interests, for the following among other reasons:—

That dividing two townships such as Torquay and Formby, the interests of which are identical,—making each the corner of a district, instead of the two forming as they do at present, and must in the future, the centre of a district,—would be a most unjustifiable proceeding, fraught with injury to the residents thereof, and to the landholders in the respective vicinities of the two townships.

That your Petitioners believe the object of those who seek to have the District divided can be readily obtained under the Act recently passed authorising the formation of Town Boards.

That the names of the majority of landholders required by law to cause the boundaries of a Municipal district to be redefined, or to constitute a new Municipal district, do not appear appended to the Petition presented for such purpose.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased not to exercise your power to proclaim the proposed Municipal District of Latrobe.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

R. Hinton.
J. T. Moate.

R. Driscoll.

Jas. Naylor.

James Jarman.
James Stubbins.
Thomas Boucher.
Edward Williamson
John Brown.
Thomas Nibbs.
George Munro.
Robert Wright.
John Casey.
William Black.

Robert Gardam.
George Turnbull.
James Reynolds.
Giles Thos. Ingram.
Robert Beveridge.
Joseph Ewington.
Edward Hancox.
H. J. Wilson, J.P.
William Lamprey.
Ellis Atkinson.

Jonathan Lunson.
John Lamprey.
Timothy Midgley.
John Batsford.
John R. Turnbull.
James Kelly.
Turton S. Thomas.
A. W. Clark.
Reginald D. Twibell.

W. W. Noake.
John Hardstaff.
F. W. Smith.
S. Griffiths.
A. S. Phillips.
Geo. Best.
B. W. Thomas.
W. J. Lovett.

Wm. Smith.
W. G. Burt.
John Lee.
W. E. Smith.
George Buck.
Thos. Griffiths; exor. estate
late John Griffiths.
M. de H. Ponsonby.

George Williams, sen.
T. Maxfield.
A. Griffiths.
H. Jowett.
M. L. Begent.
H. Gray.
Thos. Griffiths.
Daniel Phillips.

W. H. L. Thomas.

J. Cavanagh.

Charles Child.
Jane Ruddock.
E. Child.
J. L. Brown.
A. Young.
C. A. Rooke.
Wm. Blackett.
E. Higgs.
David Smallbon.
W. Holyman, jun.

W. Metcalf, Spreyton.
Claude W. Roberts, Wood-
rising, Spreyton.

George Bishton.
Emma Bishton.
James Phillips.
William Holyman, sen.
James Dick.
Stephen Piper.
James Moore.
M. W. Loane.
A. Dumbleton, Hawley.
John Reid.

Wm. Riley, Tarleton.
M. Sheean, Railton.
Robert Goss, New Bed.

T. J. Watson, Col.
Arthur G. Woodroffe.
Samuel Loane.
Martha Collins.
G. Matthews.
J. Douce.
Thos. King.
Thos. Grealey.
Benjamin Sykes.
Joseph Sankey.

George Bryan, Nook.
T. C. Kelecy, Nook.
L. M'Innis, Nook.

Torquay, 27th January, 1885.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to enclose to you for presentation to His Excellency the Governor two more Petitions, similar to those forwarded last week, against the constitution of the Municipal District of Latrobe and of the Municipal District of Mersey. These are, I believe, all that were in circulation when I last wrote you.

I have, &c.

CHARLES J. HALL.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary, Hobart.

[Signatures to said Petitions—*vide* pages 7 and 8.]

William Ritchie.
L. Fairthorne, *pro* Dickens and
Fairthorne.

Fredk. Wm. Grubb.
Alfred Harrap, Trustee Mrs.
Wm. Ritchie.

Richd. F. Irvine.
R. W. M'Eachern.

Richd. Stewart.
Mary Muggeridge.

Alexander Logan.

H. A. Davies.