

(No. 121.)



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ALFRED NICHOLAS.

PETITION.

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Presented by Mr. Cook, October 6, 1870, and ordered by the House to be printed.



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

The humble Petition of Alfred Nicholas, a Farmer residing at Horsecroft, near Sorell.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioner was, on the 10th November, 1869, charged before the Bench at Sorell with presenting fire-arms at one Daniel Satwell. That, on the hearing of the case, an adjournment took place,—my own recognizance being taken for £5 to reappear if called upon. That the case was afterwards dismissed upon its merits. Some time afterwards your Petitioner was informed that the case had come before the Attorney-General; and, on enquiry, your Petitioner found that the Council Clerk of Sorell had placed before the Magistrate, on the occasion of his signing the Bail Recognizance, a Committal Warrant, which the Magistrate signed, believing it to be the Bail Recognizance.

That your Petitioner consequently, after the case had been dismissed, was liable to be apprehended at any time through the misconduct of the said Council Clerk.

That your Petitioner charged one Matthew Tait, Constable of the Sorell Police, with wilful and corrupt perjury, and supported the charge by the testimony of three reputable persons, but as yet no Bill has been found against the said Matthew Tait.

And your Petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable House will receive this my Petition, and call for the Papers and Correspondence connected with these cases, and for an enquiry by your Honorable House into the truth of the allegations of this Petition.

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

ALFRED NICHOLAS.