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To the Independent Electors of the Boroughs of East and West Maitland and Newcastle.

GENTLEMEN—In presenting myself as a Candidate for the honour of your support at the approaching Election, I consider it proper to give you an outline of my principles.

I am a friend to civil and religious liberty, and an enemy to all intolerance.

I am for diffusing the blessings of education as widely as possible amongst the people.

I am for the most rigid economy in every department of the government.

I shall co-operate with the friends of the country in endeavouring to get rid of the civil list, and to establish the right of appropriating as well as of raising the public revenue.

This endeavour failing, I shall contend that the territorial revenue be conceded to us as an equivalent, on the same principle as it has been conceded in Canada. Seeing that the district councils created by the new Act of Parliament will entail a heavy local expenditure on the country districts, for improvements of all kinds, I shall feel it my duty to enforce, as far as practicable, a corresponding reduction in the general expenditure.

In fine, I shall vote for every measure that has a tendency to improve the moral and physical condition of the people, and oppose every measure of a contrary, or even doubtful tendency.

I have only to add, that I am bound to the country as strongly by the ties of self-interest as by those of nativity; and I possess no embarking in the colony.

My own success or failure being thus completely identified with yours, affords, I trust, an indisputable guarantee of the course I shall necessarily follow, if, by your suffrage, it be my good fortune to be placed in the honourable position to which I now aspire.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your most obedient servant,

D. WENTWORTH.

Major Wentworth's Election.

LIST of persons forming Major Wentworth's Committee for the Northumberland Boroughs:—

Messrs. C. M. Doyle
A. M'Dougall
Henry Dangar
W. Lipscomb
B. Russell
G. Yeomans
E. P. Capper
James Brackenreg
Wm. Haugh
R. A. Wiseman
Otto Raldwin
M. Stewart
David Dickson
R. P. Cummins
Thomas Dea
Thomas Evans
H. Early
George Furber
Henry Rourke
Dr. Mallon

Messrs. S. Owen
W. Nicholson
J. Wilkinson
Peter Green
Thomas Stappilton
Thomas Prentice
A. Dickson
Charles Prentice
Henry Reeves
Alexander Berry
Henry Ikin
James Young
William Hall
Charles Cathrow
James Wolfe
Robert Greer
Charles Crew
Charles Clarke
John Connor
Owen Evans
George Poulton

Lieutenant Irvine
Messrs. D. Logan
James Halfpenny
John M'Neall
J. Tierney
John Taylor
W. Tinson
John James M'Neall
John Eales
R. Keddie
John Turner
Alex. Dodds
James Cox
R. Couler
John Eckford
Thomas Ward
Graham

Dr. Edye
Messrs. James Smith
Henry Adams
Wm. Brown
Alex. M'Pherson
James Fergusson
James Reid
John Smith
Captain Biddulph
Messrs. William Page
Croft
James Hannell
William Watson
Patterson
R. Logan
John Zuill
John Stewart
S. Cliff
Inchelliff
Patrick Fegan
David Crammin
James M'Laughlan
John Farrell
Daniel Murphy
Michael Murphy
William Stirling
David Tyter
Phillip Hughes
William Lloyd
George Turner
John Boggs
John Griffiths, sen.

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To the Independent Electors of the Northumberland Boroughs.

GENTLEMEN—It having been intimated to me that my former address contains no exposition of my views on the leading questions at present agitating the public mind, and that such an exposition is looked for by the electors of the Northumberland boroughs, I beg to state that after what fell from me at the public meeting of my friends and supporters at Maitland, I considered it scarcely necessary to allude to them in a printed address; at the call, however, of my friends, and the more fully to satisfy the electors, I now come forward.

In a colony like this, where no state religion exists, it shall always be my study to promote religion to the fullest extent; and, in apportioning funds for its support, I shall use my utmost exertions, if honoured by you with a seat in the Legislative Council, to grant every sect a proportionate amount, without regard to the religious opinions they profess, so long as they are consistent with the welfare of the state, and conducive to morality.

I am for the most extensive diffusion of education among all sects of her Majesty's subjects; and for a proportionate distribution among all those sects of the public money which may be voted for religious purposes and scholastic education.

I am for the most rigid economy in the expenditure of the public funds, and pledge myself, to the utmost of my power, to reduce the amount of public outlay, as far as is practicable with the efficient carrying into effect a wholesome state of government.

Looking to the impetus given to the towns and cities of the parent country and America by trade and manufactures, I pledge myself to use my most strenuous exertions to make your boroughs manufacturing districts; being well convinced that without trade no town can ever rise into importance. And I hope I may stand excused in alluding to what I have already done, as the best guarantee for the due performance of this pledge.

Insinuations having been made that, in the event of my being returned to represent your boroughs, I shall make use of my office to advance Newcastle, to the neglect and detriment of both the Maitlands—I deny it; as, in the first instance the former being the outlet of the district cannot be benefitted without the latter participating in its advantages; and, in the second place, it must be evident to every thinking person that particular manufactories thrive best in the neighbourhood of an abundant supply of running water and fertility of soil, such as Maitland possesses; and if my establishments at Newcastle succeed there can be no doubt that enterprising persons will soon be found to take advantage of the natural facilities which Maitland presents to trade and manufactures.

A manufacturer, a land and stockholder, and an agriculturist, residing in one of your own boroughs, with all my property in your own district, it must be evident to you that your interests and mine are inseparable; but to satisfy any electors who may have a doubt, I pledge myself to support the interests of your boroughs and district, as far as my voice and abilities will allow, whenever an opportunity offers, or can with propriety be made.

In order the better to attend to the important duties consequent on the high office to which I aspire, I have made arrangements with competent persons to conduct the business of my manufactories, so that I may give my presence in the Council during its sittings, and that my attention may not be distracted from the important interests of my constituents. In the event of any obnoxious measure being proposed, or any arbitrary interference of the Home Government manifesting itself, I will firmly and strenuously oppose it, and never relinquish the struggle until I succeed in my object, or am fairly outvoted by a majority.

Should you, gentlemen, so far honor me as to return me as your representative, I will unflinchingly, and to the utmost of my power, perform the duties which may appertain to this office of a legislator.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

A. W. SCOTT.

Newcastle, 4th February, 1843.

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To the Independent Electors of Brisbane, Bligh, and Hunter.

GENTLEMEN—I beg to announce to you my intention of offering myself as a Candidate to represent the Counties of Brisbane, Bligh, and Hunter, at the approaching election of Members for the new Legislative Assembly.

If I am fortunate enough to be elected, I pledge myself to use every exertion to promote the welfare of your districts to the utmost of my power and ability.

I have the honor to remain, Your obedient servant,

D. C. F. SCOTT.

Bengalla, 7th March, 1843.

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"Opposition" good for the Public.

SUPERIOR TRAVELLING BY THE FLY.

Messrs. REEVES AND BOWEN beg leave to acquaint the public that it is their intention to start a COACH, to be called the "FLY" (in the course of a few days, of which due notice will be given) from Maitland to Patrick's Plains, and return on the following days. Messrs. R. and B. have secured good cattle and competent drivers, and from their known punctuality in coaching trust to merit a share of the public patronage.

Passengers and parcels can be booked at the Rose and Albion Inns, West Maitland; and at the Sir T. L. Mitchell Inn, Patrick's Plains.

N.B. The proprietors of the Fly beg leave further to state that they will be most happy for their coach to call at any house, public or private, to take up passengers or parcels.

HENRY REEVES

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AT A MEETING of the Friends of Mr. Foster, held at the Rose Inn, Maitland (James Reid, Esq., in the chair), on the 24th instant, after the nomination of that gentleman at a public meeting, for the purpose of forming a General Committee of the Hunter Districts:

It was resolved, that the gentlemen under-mentioned be the committee, with power to add to their number; that the central committee sit at Maitland; and that branch committees be formed, at such places as may be judged prudent by the freeholders who support him.

Messrs. John Bales
Edward Turner
James Reid
James Parnell
John Parnell
John Larnach
G. B. White
George Hobler
C. M. Doyle
P. J. Cohen
Samuel Cliff
E. B. Boughton
William Nicholson
John Kingsmill
J. Kesterton
William Rowen
Morris Townsend
Francis Mitchell
Quintin Swift
James Smith
Robert Pringle
Alexander M'Dougall
A. Vallack
George Turner
Andrew M'Dougall
James T. M'Dougall
James Young
Alexander Dodds
Robert Keddie
J. J. Coar
James Wolfe.

Resolved, that letters be written to all parties likely to promote the return of Mr. Foster. (Signed) J. REID, Chairman.

24th January, 1843.

Mr. Foster's Committee will meet every Wednesday at the different committee rooms. All communications to be addressed to Mr. H. I. Pilcher, at the Central Committee Rooms, Rose Inn, Maitland.

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To the Independent Electors of the County of Durham.

GENTLEMEN—As it appears from the heads of the bill about to be introduced into the Legislative Council that the County of Durham is to be constituted one of the Electoral Districts of the Colony, to return a member to the Colonial Legislature, I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for your suffrages for the representation of that county.

Having resided for nineteen years in this colony, seventeen of which I have spent as a settler on the Lower Hunter, it will scarcely be necessary for me to say anything of myself personally, either as to my character and standing in society, or as to my stake in the colony. And as I conceive I have already, and in various ways, given sufficient evidence of my anxious desire to promote the general welfare and advancement of this district in time past, I trust you will not require any additional pledges of my readiness to support every measure that may have a similar object in view, in the event of my being honored to represent your interests in the Colonial Legislature.

In regard to my political principles, they are simply the GREATEST HAPPINESS OF THE GREATEST NUMBER. I do not think, with certain parties in the colony, that the franchise is at all too low. On the contrary, I consider if one of the best means of elevating the great mass of society in education, in morals, and in religion, to give the humbler classes a direct interest in the government, by giving them a direct control over the appointment of their Legislators.

I have long considered the public expenditure of this Colony disproportionate to the amount and wants of its population. I consider it susceptible of important reductions, and I conceive that the public service generally might be even better conducted than it is with fewer hands and at considerably less expense. It would be my object to recommend and support such reductions, whenever they could be effected without compromising the public interest.

I am for entire religious liberty and no political distinctions on account of religion; considering the interests of morality and good government as likely to be best promoted by affording all religious denominations a fair field without favour to any.

In regard to the emigration of virtuous and industrious persons into this territory from the mother country, I am decidedly of opinion that it ought to be promoted by every possible means; and at a time when so many of our fellow-countrymen, who are willing to emigrate to this colony from the United Kingdom are suffering unexampled distress at home, I hold it to be incumbent upon the colony to make every exertion, as well from motives of self-interest as of humanity, to afford them the requisite means. And believing that it is still practicable—greatly diminished as the resources of the colony now are—to secure a large supply of valuable labour from the mother country, in this way, I conceive that till such exertions shall have been made, and found ineffectual, it would neither be politic nor patriotic to encourage the extensive importation of an inferior race, from India or elsewhere.

Such, gentlemen, are my principles. If you are satisfied with them, and with me, I shall be happy to represent your interests in the new council and to do my best to promote them. At the same time, I should neither be sorry nor disappointed if you should find some other person who possesses your confidence more fully than I do, and who would more zealously promote the welfare and advancement of our common country.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your most obedient humble servant,

ANDREW LANG.

Dunmore, Hunter River, }
9th January, 1842. } 37

Durham Election.

BY authority of the Committee formed within the parishes of Butterwick and Seaham, for the purpose of promoting the interests of RICHARD WINDEYER, Esq., as Candidate for the Representation of the County of Durham in the coming Legislative Council, a MEETING is hereby called of the Friends of Mr. Windeyer within the said parishes, at the Victoria Hotel, Hinton, on MONDAY, the 20th March, at Two o'clock p.m., for the purpose of taking such measures as shall to them seem best adapted, in the course of the ensuing canvass, to promote the benefit of their immediate district, in conjunction with that of the county of Durham and of the colony in general.

HENRY CARMICHAEL, Chairman.

Hinton Hotel, 11th March, 1843. 244

To the Electors of the County of Durham

GENTLEMEN—The receipt of a most respectable signed requisition from one quarter of your County, and the numerous promises of support with which I have been favoured from others, will, I trust, relieve me from the imputation of presumption in soliciting your suffrages as a candidate at the approaching election of members to serve you in the Legislative Assembly.

I design, in the course of a few weeks, to visit every district of the County, and give you such full explanation of my political sentiments as a constituency has a right to expect; but in the meantime, will touch generally upon the principal topics of present public interest.

I am a steadfast supporter of equality in civil and religious rights, an advocate for any general system of education which will leave parents of every sect to give their children such spiritual instruction as they may think proper, and indeed of all measures which leave the greatest freedom of action to the individual without trenching upon the rights of the community. I prefer the labourers of the United Kingdom to all others—I should regret the necessity for the introduction of Coolies ever arising—would fixedly oppose the expenditure of any public money upon that object, but deem it right that every man, who would import them at his own expense, be at liberty so to do.

The continuance of immigration upon the old system I consider of doubtful policy, but I acknowledge that I am not prepared to say what should take its place. Whether we shall be able to exercise any efficient and what control in the matter is yet to be ascertained; and what steps the mother country proposes to adopt on the subject must be considered before any safe conclusion can be arrived at.

Another most momentous question, somewhat similarly situated to the last, which has naturally attracted great attention in your county, is that of the trade in foreign wheat. That the late importations of that article have tended to aggravate the pressure of the times on the agriculturist, no man can doubt; that possessed, as you know me to be, of a large tract of purely agricultural soil in the district of the Hunter, I should be deeply anxious to see rents paid and reduced, as you may be ready to believe; but I confess that I do not think that desirable end appear to me not to be within the reach of any legislative enactment, even if we had the power of following out what measures we thought proper on the subject. But the imperial legislature has left us no control and but little voice in matters connected with external taxation. I am of opinion we ought to have that control, to a greater extent than it has been bestowed on us, and shall strive to obtain it; and, in the meantime, the Assembly cannot be better employed than in collecting the facts and evidence showing the bearings of the question upon the interests of the stockholder, labourer, and agriculturist, and upon which alone any extensive legislative measures can be safely founded.

Finally, I would beg you to bear in mind, that it is impossible for any constituency to have a representative who shall agree with all men on all points; that the utmost that can be expected is an agreement of interest between the two, and a confidence, on the part of the former, in the wishes and ability of the latter to promote their welfare and that of the colony at large. Should I have the honour of being elected by you, and afterwards the views I may be induced to take upon any important question affecting your interests should cause you to withdraw that confidence, I will, upon receipt of a requisition from you to that effect, immediately resign my trust.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, your very sincere servant,

RICHARD WINDEYER.

Sydney, February 15, 1843

Patrick's Plains Races.

THESE Races will come off on the 17th, 18th, and 19th of May, with the usual allowance to tempt the sporting world, of which due notice will be given.

WALTER ROTTON.

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Notice.

PAGE'S RIVER RACES will come off on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 4th and 5th of April next, particulars of which will be given in a future advertisement.

Page's River, 22nd February, 1843. 200

Five Pounds Reward.

STOLEN or STRAYED, about two months ago, from the Lennoxton Estate, Paterson River, a dark Bay HORSE, four years old, with black points, branded JA on near shoulder, and No. 41 near side under saddle, has Mr. James Cox's brand on the off shoulder. If strayed, One Pound reward will be paid on delivery; if stolen, the above reward of Five Pounds will be paid on conviction of the party, Apply to the undersigned.

JAMES ADAIR.

Lennoxton, Paterson River, }
20th February, 1843. } 182

To Robert Scott Esq., Glendon.

SIR—We, the undersigned electors of the County of Durham, considering that you are in all respects qualified as a representative in the New Legislative Council, hereby request that you will allow yourself to be placed in nomination as a candidate for the county, and promise you our votes and best exertions to promote and secure your return:—

J. Bowman, J. P. John Johnston
James Glennie, J. P. John Howe
W. C. Mayne, J. P. Patrick Cullen
Henry Glennie, J. P. Thomas Cullen
A. R. Bundoock, J. P. James Arndell
John Browne Alexander Johnston
H. Massie J. B. Broughton
Chas. Boydell, J. P. James Adair
R. Massie Frederick Bedwell
H. L. Lindeman George Wilkinson
Thomas Patch George Armstrong
Alfred Glennie David Brown
W. B. Boydell Richard Clarke
J. C. Crichton S. L. Adair
J. J. Smith, M. A. John Martin
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Gilbert Champain W. H. Estall
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John Champain Michael Cunnoen
Arthur B. Tason Henry Nowland
Stephen Dark Peter Daw
Richard Ward J. Henry Clark
Charles Howell William Cushien
William Hardy William Blackman
J. Hudson Keys, St. Silvester Thornton
Hellers Pierce Hegarty
Nathaniel Stringall Henry Pierce
George Greenaway

REPLY.

To James Bowman, Esq., J. P., and the gentlemen who have signed the requisition, inviting me to become a candidate for the county of Durham.

GENTLEMEN—Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with a deep sense of the high compliment paid me therein.

I have been known to you for a very long period, and it is with the prouder satisfaction I receive this mark of your good opinion, and I should indeed be ungrateful were I not to comply with your request, and respectfully accept the nomination you have been pleased to honour me with.

I remain, gentlemen, Your faithful servant,

ROBERT SCOTT.

Sydney, March 6, 1843

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