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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 moral duty 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 manufactures 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 manufactures, 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 honour 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 the office of a legislator.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant, A. W. SCOTT. Newcastle, 4th February, 1843.

To the Independent Electors of the County of Hunter.

GENTLEMEN—Since I did myself the honor of soliciting your votes as your representative in the new Legislative Council, the proposed division of the colony has undergone an alteration, whereby the county of Hunter is divided from Cook, and joined to the counties of Brisbane and Bligh. I have therefore offered myself for the counties of Cook and Westmoreland.

In taking leave of you, gentlemen, I beg you will accept my best thanks and warmest gratitude for your kind offers of support to me when a candidate for your suffrages, and I sincerely hope you will succeed in electing as your representative a gentleman whose interests are identified with your own, and who is in every way qualified to represent so respectable and important a district as that of Hunter, Brisbane, and Bligh.

Believe me, gentlemen, should I be so highly honoured as to be elected a member of the new council, I shall never lose sight of those counties, where I have so large an interest, although not their immediate representative.

I have the honor to remain, Gentlemen, With gratitude and respect, Your obedient servant, GEORGE BOWMAN. Richmond, March 21st, 1843.

Fruit Trees. FOR SALE, a quantity of the above, of the choicest description, at 1s. and 1s. 3d. each. Also, a quantity of superior Onion Seed. Apply to Mr. Thomas Prentice, Maitland, or to Mr. Edwards, in charge.

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; all I possess is embarked 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 honor to be, Gentlemen, Your most obedient servant, D. WENTWORTH. 276

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.

To Donald McIntyre, Esq., of Kayuga.

SIR—We, the undersigned Landed Proprietors and Householders in the county of Brisbane, request you will allow yourself to be put in nomination for the Counties of Brisbane, Hunter, and Bligh, in the new Legislative Council.

We believe you are every way qualified to represent these counties, from your great local experience, from general information on country matters, and from that independence, both in fortune and character, which will ensure respect in any assembly.

Should you consent to our wishes, we pledge ourselves to support you.

We have the honor to be, sir, Your most obedient servants, J. A. Robertson, J.P. Peter Brodie Robert H. Milner Patrick Tyghe Alex. Wightman W. Shields Edward Warland D. Thomson, J.P. E. White Donald M'Phee Duncan M'Intyre. Murrurundi, 10th February, 1843.

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

GENTLEMEN—I had the honor to receive your requisition to become a candidate to represent your Counties in the Colonial Assembly. For this mark of your esteem and confidence I return you thanks.

In offering myself a candidate, I wish it to be understood to be on Whig or Liberal principles. I will support civil and religious freedom, and general education, the principle of the present Church Act, free trade (particularly where there is reciprocity), I will oppose the granting of public money to introduce Coolies; I am also unfriendly to corn laws, and all duties, except for revenue purposes. I am opposed to improvements that would impoverish the people by taxes, or using the proceeds of the crown lands to employ all the labour of the country (leaving neither shepherds or stockmen) to make roads where there would be little to carry. I am for the gradual improvement of the country, and not opposed to public sites for storing colonial grain at a moderate price. I shall, in the event of being elected, pay particular attention to appointing qualified persons to inspect all provisions cured for exportation, so as to raise and maintain their character abroad. When any question may arise regarding the outside of the boundaries, I shall deal with it impartially, having considerable interest both beyond and within the limits of the colony.

If these principles agree with yours, I shall expect your support; if not, it would be contrary to mine to ask it.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Yours faithfully, DONALD MCINTYRE. Kayuga, 17th March, 1843.

Just Received, by the undersigned, PORT, SHERRY, and other WINES Rum, Brandy, Gin, and Whiskey All of fine quality, and low prices. LAW. POTTS & CO.

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 honoured 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 it 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 disproportioned 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. } 277

Bricks Wanted. WRITTEN TENDERS will be received until the 1st day of April next for Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) of BRICKS, either to be made on the Estate of Woodville, or delivered, free of all expense, on the site of the Village of Brisbane, opposite Mr. Lang's Steam Mills; the bricks to be of best quality, and subject to survey. Tenders will be received either for the whole quantity or any part thereof, and security will be required for the performance of the contract before the end of June next. Application to be made to the undersigned, or to Mr. Alex. Peters, at the Hinton Post-office. JOHN GALT SMITH. Woodville, March 14, 1843. 245

Coal Depot. THE undersigned begs to intimate to the inhabitants of Maitland and vicinity that he has a regular supply of Good COAL always on hand, at 13s. per ton, deliverable at the pit; cartage charged according to distance. ROBERT KEDDIE, East Maitland Coal Hill, } 22nd March, 1843. } 264

TO THE SPORTING WORLD. Jerry's Plains Races.

NOTICE. THE PROPRIETOR of the ROBIN HOOD INN respectfully requests that those gentlemen who require Boxes for their Horses at the ensuing Races will please give him early intimation, pledging himself that they will find a large supply of the best Hay and Corn, with every care and attention. 295

MAITLAND MERCURY GENERAL PRINTING OFFICE. EVERY DESCRIPTION OF JOB PRINTING, Including Posting and Hand Bills, Pamphlets, Catalogues, Circulars, Cards, Billheads, Cheques, Labels, Law and other Forms, &c., &c., executed with despatch, in a neat and accurate manner, and at reasonable prices.

To the Electors of the County of Durham.

GENTLEMEN—The receipt of a most respectably 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 the farmer prosper, you may readily believe; but I confess that the means of attaining 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. 283

Maitland. TO BE LET, the "WOOLPACK INN" and Premises, late in the occupation of Mr. C. Hughes. This house has long obtained a very large business. The Furniture and Fixtures on the premises may be taken at a valuation. For terms apply to Edye Manning, Esq., Sydney, or to Mr. Pilcher, Maitland. 285

Newcastle. TO BE SOLD OR LET, a HOUSE, containing 4 rooms and a good cellar, also a large verandah. There are attached a kitchen, laundry, and stable. This house commands a splendid view. For terms apply to Mr. Pilcher, Maitland, or Mr. Kemp, Newcastle. 286

TO LET, at Morpeth, a neat Stone COTTAGE, fit for a family, with outhouses complete, lately occupied by Dr. Williamson; rent moderate. Enquire of Mr. Anslay, Morpeth Hotel. Possession can be given on the 24th February. ALSO, A Stone Store and Wharf, lately rented by the General Steam Navigation Company, opposite the Morpeth Hotel. 287

NAIL ROD IRON, BAR IRON Nails, both British and Colonial Strong Iron Ploughs Plough Share Moulds Carron Cart Boxes Iron Pots With a large assortment of Ironmongery, by the latest arrivals, on Sale. L. POTTS & CO. 290

Fruit Trees. APPLES, Pears, Almonds, Peaches, Nectarines, Apricots, Oranges, Citrons, Lemons, Quinces, Loquats, and English Oaks, in varieties, with a great number of other Trees, for Sale. Apply to William Mackin, at Mr. Pilcher's, Maitland. The best months for transplanting deciduous trees are June and July. 282

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. Bundock, 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 Chaplain of Paterson Samuel Kingston Gilbert Champain W. H. Estall Mackenzie Champain William Cann John Champain Michael Cumieen Arthur B. Tason Henry Nowland Stephen Dark Peter Daw Richard Ward J. Henry Clark Charles Howell William Cushion William Hardy William Blackman J. Hudson Keys, St. Silvester Thornton Holiers 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 proudest 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. 281

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. 280

Jerry's Plains Races.

THESE Races will take place on WEDNESDAY, 26th day of April, 1843, and two following days, when the following prizes will be contested.

- FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY. 1st Prize.—The Jerry's Plains Purse of £35, for horses of all ages, carrying weight for age; heats twice round the course. Entrance £3 10s.; three entrances or no race. 2nd Prize.—The Ladies' Purse of £20, for all two-year-old horses, carrying 7 st.; heats once round the course. Entrance £2 2s.; three entrances or no race. 3rd Prize.—A Hack Race for a Watch, value £12 12s., for untrained hack horses; heats once round the course; carrying 7st. 6lbs. Entrance £2; four entrances or no race.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY. 1st Prize.—A Sweepstakes of £5 each, with £10 added from the funds, for all horses, carrying 11st. each; one heat, three times round the course. No jockeys allowed to ride for this race, and riders to be approved by stewards; jockey costume. Entrance £1 1s.; three entrances or no race. 2nd Prize.—A Hack Race for a Saddle and Bridle complete, for untrained horses, carrying 7st. 6lbs.; heats once round the course; the winner of the first day's hack race to carry 7lbs. extra. Entrance half a guinea; four entrances or no race.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY. 1st Prize.—The Members' Purse of £25, for horses of all ages; the winner of the first day to carry 7lbs. extra. Entrance £2 10s.; three entrances or no race. 2nd Prize.—The Beaten Purse of £15, with entrance money added, for all horses beaten during the meeting; to be handicapped by the stewards, or whom they may appoint; heats once round the course. Entrance £1 1s.; three entrances or no race. 3rd Prize.—The Hack Race for £10, for bona fide hack horses; heats and conditions same as first day; the winner of either of the previous hack races to carry 7 lbs. extra. Entrance £1 1s.; five entrances or no race.

Stewards. John Robertson, Esq. A. Doyle, Esq. R. L. Jenkins, Esq. Judge. Lieutenant Scovel. Weights to be carried at this meeting. Two years old, 7st. 0lbs. Three " 7 10 Four " 8 6 Five " 9 2 Six " and aged, 9 12 Mares and geldings allowed 5lbs. All decisions of the stewards to be final. Riders to appear in jockey costume. No person allowed to enter a horse who is not a subscriber to the amount of £2 2s.; hack races excepted, for which £1 1s. will qualify. All horses to be entered on the Evening previous to the races, at the Victoria Inn, between the hours of Seven and Nine, p.m., at which time the gate will be let to the highest bidder. Application for booths, stalls, &c., to be made to E. DYTE, Clerk of the Course. 249