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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 seat 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 benefited 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 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 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 the office of a legislator.

I have the honor to be,
 Gentlemen,
 Your obedient servant,
 A. W. SCOTT.
 Newcastle, 4th February. 279

Important Arrivals, ex 'Statesman,' 'Victoria,' 'Templar,' and 'Clarendon.'

D. & J. DICKSON beg to inform their numerous friends and the public that by the above late arrivals they have received upwards of One Hundred cases and bales of DRAPERY GOODS, comprising every article suitable for the colony and season.

Having been all selected by competent judges and purchased for cash, during the late unparalleled depression in the manufacturing districts of England and Scotland, they are enabled to offer them at prices much under the regular rates.

As the whole must be sold off within a limited time, in consequence of their being about to remove to their new stores, as well as to make room for other importations daily expected, the public will find it much to their advantage, previous to making their winter purchases, to inspect the stock.

Terms, cash only. 378

Cheap Saddle and Harness Manufactory.

THE undersigned begs leave to inform the settlers of the Hunter River district that he has opened an extensive SADDLE and HARNESS ESTABLISHMENT in the Town of West Maitland, nearly opposite the Angel Inn, where he will always keep a constant supply of Colonial and English Work, on moderate terms, for cash. None but first-rate workmen will be employed.

The undersigned will always have on sale every description of LEATHER, for Mr. George Turner.

SLOAN HYDE. 415

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 honour to be,
 Gentlemen,
 Your most obedient servant,
 D. WENTWORTH. 276

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 rearing 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 honour to be,
 Gentlemen,
 Your most obedient humble servant,
 ANDREW LANG.
 Dummore, Hunter River, }
 9th January, 1842. } 277

Blankets, Flannels, and Counterpanes.

THE undersigned have received, ex *Templar*, Ten Bales of the above, which they are now offering at unprecedented low prices at their Stores at Maitland and Morpeth, for cash only.

D. & J. DICKSON. 375

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. 284

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

GENTLEMEN—Estimating the very important epoch in the colonial history now at hand, in your being called upon to return a Representative to the new Legislature, I, although late in the field, beg to present myself to your notice as a candidate for the honor of representing your interest in Council.

I have had the honor of receiving a respectfully signed requisition from one part of your electorate; but, instead of following the steps of many gentlemen now offering themselves, in publishing the invitation, with a list of names appended, I shall content myself with the opposite course, and with what appears to me more substantial information, viz. the giving you some idea of my political sentiments.

My pretensions for soliciting your support are founded upon a residence here as a colonist for upwards of twenty-two years (being one of the first to plant the standard of colonization in that important locality, "the Hunter"). During the whole of this long period I have given the agricultural and grazing interest of the colony my best study, while I have perseveringly pursued its practice. I am a fixed denizen amongst you; the colony has been the birthplace of my numerous family; and my and their interest are identical with your own.

Wedded to these pursuits, I address myself to you as a fellow labourer in this field of rural industry, touching which subjects in legislation must arise affecting your interest—these, in the event of my election, shall at all times receive my paramount attention. I shall be always open to your advice, and conditionally the same shall receive my best advocacy and support. Should I, however, unfortunately differ with the majority of my constituents in opinions upon leading subjects, then, gentlemen, my post will be resigned into your hands, and be open to one whose opinions are more in accordance with your own.

The colonial interest commonly called the squinting one, although not directly represented in the Council, is not the least important; I declare my firm adherence to, and will support at the proper time, a necessary modification of the existing law.

These important parts in the colonial body have long suffered an improper competition with foreigners. Our towns have been inundated with foreign provisions, which, under the climate Providence has bestowed upon us, and the want of more economical labour, we are not in a condition to contend with: the colony is not able to compete with the whole world.

Looking on the success of the agricultural and grazing proprietaries as co-existing with the present standing of the colony; for if these retrograde, languish, and die, we become a blank; its inhabitants may seek another hemisphere.

The supply of labour must therefore equal the demand; and, to realise this, extensive immigration must be carried out. If the land fund is not capable of doing so from Great Britain to the required extent, my doctrine is, have it—and not let the colour of men be the stepping-stone to our downfall.

I shall be brief, gentlemen, in the exposition of my political opinions; they are decidedly liberal. In religion a member of the Church of England, but tolerant to all sects; an enemy to placemen and pluralists; my vote shall ever be on the side of economy and efficiency, without respect to persons. In fine, should you, by the guarded and unbiassed use of your suffrages, confer the honor upon me to which I aspire, my best energies will be directed to the protection and advancement of your general interest—religious, moral, political, and educational. In the former case, against any trespass on your rights as freemen; and in the latter, supporting all measures that may be calculated to organize and give stability to our common weal.

From the extensive surface of your counties it will be impossible for me to canvass you all in person, but such electors as reside in and about the towns of Scone, Murrumbidgee, Jerry's Plains, and district of Cassilis, I intend on an early day to pay my respects to. Those gentlemen whom I shall not be able to see, but who may favor me with their votes, I shall have other opportunities of testifying my feelings for their good opinion.

I have the honor to be,
 Gentlemen,
 Your obedient and faithful servant,
 HENRY DANGAR.
 Neolsfield, 29th March, 1843. 314

Steam Mills, West Maitland.

WILLIAM NICHOLSON begs to apprise his friends and the public generally that he is now able to turn out every article in his business in first-rate style. He has also appointed Agents at Scone, Murrumbidgee, Muswellbrook, Singleton, Newcastle, and Raymond Terrace, where he will be able to supply Flour at a small advance on the Maitland prices, which are as follows:—

First flour, cash 15s. per 100lbs., booked, 10s.
 Second ditto, cash 13s. per 100 lbs., booked 14s.
 Ration ditto, cash 11s. per 100 lbs., booked 12s.
 Bran, 6s. per 100 lbs.

The above is always of a very superior quality.

N. B. Extensive supplies always on hand.
 ADVANCE AUSTRALIA! 311

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 Eales
 Edward Turner
 James Reid
 James Parnell
 John Parnell
 John Larnach
 G. B. White
 George Hobler
 C. M. Doyle
 P. J. Cohen
 Samuel Clift
 E. B. Boughton
 William Nicholson
 John Kingsmill
 J. Kesterton
 William Bowen
 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. T. Pilcher, at the Central Committee Rooms, Rose Inn, Maitland. 301

Durham Election.

AT a Meeting of the Friends of Mr. Richard Windeyer, held by authority of the Provisional Committee, at the Victoria Hotel, Hinton, the following Gentlemen were nominated a Standing Committee, with power to add to their numbers, and were instructed to communicate with the Electors of the County, and to form District Committees for the purpose of promoting the Election of Richard Windeyer, Esq., as Representative of the County of Durham in the forthcoming Legislative Assembly.

- Messrs. Walter Scott
 J. Frod. Castle
 John S. Parker
 Daniel Capel
 Henry Carmichael
 Alex. Livingstone
 J. B. R. Robertson
 W. H. Jarman
 George Hill
 P. M. Rapsey
 P. J. Cohen
 James Cox
 Richard Lang
 F. G. S. Street
 James Phillips
 Francis Phillips
 F. Thornton
 Solomon Levien
 W. Hindson. 291

Durham Election.

THE following Gentlemen have consented to act as a Committee for the purpose of promoting the interests of Richard Windeyer, Esq., as Candidate for the representation of the County of Durham, in the coming Election:—

- Messrs. Gilbert Cory
 W. Ross
 James Phillips
 Francis Phillips. 292

Notice.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between Ralph Holding and William Roberts, of Black Creek, Millers, is this day dissolved. All persons standing indebted to the said firm up to this date are requested to pay their accounts to Mr. William Bowen.

RALPH HOLDING.
 WILLIAM ROBERTS.
 May 17th, 1843.
 Witness—WILLIAM BOWEN. 408

Notice.

SOME maliciously disposed persons having circulated reports injurious to my character and credit, I hereby request all parties having claims on me to send them in for payment; and any persons indebted to me will please to settle their accounts without delay: if not settled within one month from this date they will be sued for the same.

GEORGE MILLAR,
 Cabinet Maker. 411
 Singleton, May 20th, 1843.

Five Pounds Reward.—To Poundkeepers, Stockmen, and Others.

LOST or STOLEN, a Chesnut FILLY, two hind feet white, white blaze in face, branded on the near shoulder JH. If stolen, the above reward will be paid on conviction of the offender; and, if strayed, Ten Shillings will be given to any one delivering her to the undersigned.

EDWARD DYTE,
 Jerry's Plains. 394

Also, a Red COW, branded on the near rump and shoulder GD conjoined, and a Red and White COW, same brand. Any person delivering the cattle shall be rewarded for their trouble.

Notice.

THE MAITLAND RACES will take place on TUESDAY the 6th, WEDNESDAY the 7th, and THURSDAY the 8th, of June, 1843, and the prizes to be run for are as follows.

TUESDAY.

1. Maitland Purse of Seventy-five Pounds, for horses of all ages, weight for age; heats two miles. Entrance £7 10s.; three entrances or no race.
2. Ladies' Purse of Thirty Pounds for two-year-old horses; heats once round the course. Entrance £3; four entrances or no race. Weight 7st. 6 lb.
3. Maiden Plate of Thirty Pounds; for maiden horses, weight for age; heats to start from the two-mile post and come in at the winning post. Entrance £3; four entrances or no race. Second horse to receive back his entrance money.

WEDNESDAY.

1. Candidates' Purse of Sixty Pounds, for horses of all ages, weight for age; heats three times round the course. Entrance £6; four horses entered or no race.
- The rest of the day for private matches, &c.

THURSDAY.

1. Maitland Town Plate of Fifty Pounds, for horses of all ages, weight for age; heats two miles. Entrance £5; three horses to enter or no race. The winner of the Maitland Purse to carry 7 lb. extra.
2. Hunter River Stakes of Thirty Pounds, for horses of all ages, weight for age; heats two miles. Entrance £3; three entrances or no race.
3. Club Stakes, for beaten horses, for Twenty Pounds; heats one mile; weight for age. No entrance fee.
4. Hack Race for Ten Pounds; heats one mile. Entrance £1; five entrances or no race. Weight 8 st.

Weights.

Two years	7 st. 6 lb.
Three "	8 " 0 "
Four "	8 " 12 "
Five "	9 " 10 "
Six " and aged 10 "	0 "

Mares and Geldings allowed 3 lb. The stewards will be announced in a future advertisement.

All riders to appear in jockey costume, and the decision of the stewards to be final.

Application for booths to be made to HENRY REEVES, Clerk of the Course. 308

Ten Pounds Reward.

STOLEN, from the undersigned, on Saturday night, the 15th instant, an Iron Grey MARE, branded JS on the near shoulder, rising four years old, white saddle marks, long square tail, a splint on each fore leg, about 14 hands high. The above reward will be paid on conviction of the thief, if stolen; or, if strayed, five pounds will be paid to any person delivering her to me.

J. SOLOMON. 351
 Maitland, April 17, 1843.

WANTED, a Man and his Wife, without incumbrance, the man to act as COOK and WAITER, and the woman as LAUNDRESS; also, a HOUSEMAID. Address, if by letter, post paid, Mr. Thomas Prentice, Hexham. 305

WANTED, a MALSTER: one who thoroughly understands the process of Malting. A single man would be preferred. Apply to Messrs. Berrie and Tinson, Hunter Brewery, West Maitland. 303

Cattle Wanted.

WANTED TO PURCHASE, for CASH, a MIXED HERD of CATTLE, from 600 to 1000 head. All calves dropped since 1st August last to be given in.

From 10 to 15 BROOD MARES, on the same terms. Apply to Mr. Dodds, East Maitland, or to Mr. Kerr, Muswellbrook. 414

TWO BE LET, Four COTTAGES in Durham-street, with a good supply of pure water. Apply to LAW. POTTS & CO. 401

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

THE undersigned are buyers of all kinds of COLONIAL GRAIN, or other Produce.

LAW. POTTS & CO.
 Just received, a fresh supply of Blue Stone. 388

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

Fruit Trees for Sale.

A SPLENDID COLLECTION of Apricots, Peaches, Nectarines, Pears, and Apples, mostly coming into bearing, to be sold cheap, at Melville, the estate of Francis Mitchell, Esq.; and will be delivered to purchasers in the neighbourhood of Maitland and Morpeth. Apply to Mr. Cunningham. 406