

Public Meeting Waterloo Point. 3rd July 1833

Held pursuant to Publick Notice for the purpose of considering the Propriety of Addressing His Excellency the Gov^r on the subject of the Dist Rent.

~~Resolved~~ It was resolved that the following address on this subject be presented to H. Exc^l
 To H. Exc^l Col. G. C. Barr.
 Lieut Gov^r of W. I. Is. Leeward Islands &c

We the Landholders undesignated Landholders in the District of Gov. Swan Point ^{having viewed with great anxiety} ~~and~~ ^{viewed with very} great anxiety, the measures promulgated by H. M. Gov^t on the subject of the Dist Rent ^{which would be a heavy burden on the} ~~and~~ ^{granted by the Legislature} address of H. Exc^l on this subject. ~~We earnestly request~~ ^{that you will forward this petition to} ~~that you will forward this petition to~~ ^{be laid at the feet of} ~~to be laid at the feet of~~ ^{the Throne trusting} ~~the Throne trusting~~ ^{with} ~~with~~ ^{our most} ~~our most~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~the ^{utter} ~~utter~~ ^{ruin} ~~ruin~~.~~

We beg to represent to your Excellency, that in the earlier settlement of this Colony, the best lands were taken ^{up} at a merely nominal rent,

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and that, as the good Lands became more taken
 up in the same Ratio as the Government Reg-
 ulations become less favorable to the ^{Settlers} ~~settlers~~
 * so that to many of us who have arrived ~~has been~~ &
 compelled to take Land on the Regulations of 1828
 the Irish Rent if exacted, must become ruinous

With your Excellency's knowledge of the Colony
 it may be useful for us ^{to say} more in establishing the
 above Position, but peculiarly as we are situated
 in this ^{Country} ~~District~~, where the rains are so unregular
 & the Pasturage consequently so unproductive, it
 is our duty to represent forcibly to your Ex-
 cellency that we are compelled ^{with you} to take grants
 on extensive, & on the terms what they may ~~to see~~

for the preservation of our Stock - whilst the
 Land for agricultural Purposes bears no
 Proportion to the bad & unproductive ~~but in~~
 taking ~~that~~ our respective grants, we felt assured that ~~the Govt.~~
^{would now enforce terms as rigorous to those of 1828}

We have also to draw your Excellency's atten-
 tion to the circumstances that eleven years ago
 the whole of this District remained in a state of
 nature, that by great exertions & outlay of Capital
 attended with great privations, we ^{have} ~~are~~ just emerged
 from our ^{difficulties} ~~troubles~~ that now we are met with

~~the Irish Rent which paralyses all our efforts &~~
~~reduces us to a worse state than when we began~~

* fixing a Rental on the bad & unproductive Lands now proportioned
 to the best granted to superior Lands ^{in the Country}

~~we say compelled as when we had arrived here it was to be taken
 upon our terms, and in taking our respective grants we felt
 that we were assured that the Govt. would enforce terms as rigorous to those of 1828~~

which otherwise was worthless. That after
having by these means more than doubly
purchased the Land, we can not but view
the late for ^{the} ~~the~~ ~~subject~~ of ~~Land~~.

~~with~~ ~~opinion~~ ~~of~~ ~~anxiety~~. - as well appear
from the circumstances that in the most favor-
able spots - it requires ^{costs} of £ per Acre ~~which~~
in others 10⁰ & over 20⁰ per Acre for the charge of
~~there are 12 Acre in which are 18⁰ per~~

~~the Land~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~extinguished~~ ~~for~~ ~~a~~ ~~considerable~~
~~quantity~~ independent of ^{the} ~~the~~ ~~fining~~ & other expenses
it must appear that a ~~high~~ ~~rate~~ ~~of~~ ~~rent~~ ~~will~~
appear as an oppression ~~and~~
arbitrary to enter at all ^{to} ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~subject~~ or ~~in~~ ~~any~~ ~~thing~~ -

respecting the great depreciation which has taken
place in the value of ~~Stocks~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ~~place~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~place~~
~~since~~ ~~the~~ ~~beginning~~ ~~of~~ ~~1828~~ ~~was~~ ~~framed~~ ~~and~~ ~~which~~
may be considered to bear on this subject, but

relying on the well known good wishes of your Ex^{ty}
to the ~~Colonists~~ ^{the} ~~are~~ ~~most~~ ~~of~~ ~~your~~ ~~Grace~~
will promote the ~~Prayer~~ ~~of~~ ~~our~~ ~~Petition~~ ~~and~~ ~~that~~
his most gracious Majesty ~~as~~ ~~an~~ ~~indulgent~~ ~~father~~
to his children ~~may~~ ~~extend~~ ~~his~~ ~~paternal~~
this distant ^{royal} ~~Colon~~ ~~and~~ ~~may~~ ~~also~~ ~~modify~~ ~~this~~
~~act~~ ~~that~~ ~~is~~ ~~its~~ ~~excessive~~
~~and~~ ~~oppressive~~ ~~exaction~~ ~~as~~ ~~to~~ ~~remove~~ ~~from~~ ~~us~~ ~~this~~

most ~~serious~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~modification~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~rent~~
to avert the ~~impending~~ ~~evil~~ which
must ~~promote~~ ~~our~~ ~~common~~ ~~welfare~~ -

Now ~~therefore~~ ~~we~~

Lands
rent

sums to the ~~of~~ ~~1828~~ ~~allowed~~ ~~to~~

Copy of *Dr. H. H. H.*
of *St. James, Court*
on the subject
of *Dr. H. H. H.*
and *Dr. H. H. H.*
To *Dr. H. H. H.*

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* fixing a *Plan*
to the first *Part*
the *say* *compt*
who *was* *on*
that *was* *in* *the* *year* *1700*