

12th Jan^y 1831 -

Sir

We the undersigned request you will be pleased to convene a Meeting of this District, at your earliest convenience, for the purpose of presenting an address to His Excellency, the Lt Governor, expressive of our thanks for his great exertions during the late operations against the Aborigines. We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed^t. Servt^s.

- P Maclaird [?]
- George F Story
- Francis Cotton
- John O'Grearey North
- [Illegible signature]
- Mr Seard
- Adam Amos
- John Amos
- Thos. Buxton
- Joseph Allen
- Edwin Long

To

Lieut Aubin
 63rd Regt -
 Police Magistrate
 Waterloo Point



In compliance with the above requisition, I hereby appoint Wednesday the 19th instant at 12 o'clock at the Police Office Waterloo Point –

Francis Aubin

Police Magistrate –

Waterloo Point

16th. Jan^y 1831.

William Lyne

John Lyne

Jiles [?] Salthouse

M^r. John Buxton

Capⁿ. Watson

Mayor Lord

~~Mr.~~ John Allen

19th Jan^y 1831

The meeting having been convened at this place proceeded to elect a chairman in consequence of then when Francis Aubin Esqr. was [illegible] out by called to the office

not to mention the ^continual^ loss of property so frequently occurring. [Written between the lines]

Mr A. proceed^d th^{en} to call the attentⁿ of the meet^g on supplic^{tn}. &c of presents .

w^h ^requeistⁿ ^ signed

Vz.

The p^t motin proposed by Mr Amos who second^s by Mr Hawkins that thanks should be to H.E. L Governor for the very great personal exertions he had made during the late operat^{ions} against the Aborigines

~~The 2^{dd} pt proposed by M^r A. Amos & 2^{dd} by M^r Buxton~~

~~The 2^d proposed by M^r Adam Amose HM Buxton ^then proposed^ 3^{dd} ^& as 2^{dd} by Mr Burton^ that altho the success of the ^Humane^ measures had adopted ^by Governm^{nt}^ had not been attend^d ^with^ the wished for success . yet the Inhabitants in this district had ^not^ been left molested ^by the Abor.^ since the operation ^against ^ comm^d which ^&^ they ^are of^ opinion they Attributable to the [illegible] of these which was an unusual length of tranquility at this season of the year and attributable to the terror excited by the Expedit^{on} & that the that his Excellcy be ^earnestly^ solicited to still further direct such measures to be adopted after the capturing of the Natives altho' the recent measures had not succeed^d as far as ^might have been ^was anticipated with assurance of meeting ^receiving our support^ every support ^ from in carrying into [illegible in margins] effect such measures as Govern^t may deem exped^t we on ^our ^ part pledge ourselves to use our most strenuous endeavours & nature they [illegible, page torn]~~

to adopt -

Mr John Amos. then ~~proposed~~ proposed & 2^d by. D^r S^t. that the cause of our not having com^d our unanimo^s. sollicitation^s ^ere this^ to his Excellency ~~shou~~ should be remarked in the address ^as^ not arising from any remissness on our part but ^solely owing to [?]^ ~~from~~ the very great distance which we are separated from one another and ~~our remote di~~ and that the [illegible] of this proceeding should be embod^d in address to be presented

That this address be presented to his Excellency in person by ~~two of the~~ by Mister [?] A. Amos & [illegible]

That the thanks of meeting be presented to Mr Aubin. for his able & inspirational conduct in the chair & for the trouble that he takes and his readiness to comply with our wishes in convening the meeting

George F Story

~~That~~ We have to assure H. E. ~~that~~ ^that^ altho we came not ^earlier^ forward with this address [illegible, crossed out] which was due from this District ~~part~~ as much as if not more so than any other from the well known Hostile Tribe of Natives that infests it ~~yet it is not~~ our delay has not ~~been from~~ arisen from our remissness on our part, but owing to local nature of the country which separates us so far from each other & prevents our sentiments from being ^easily [?]^ communicated ~~to each other~~

Resolutions entered into at a Public Meeting of the landholders of District of Great Swan Port ~~held~~
^convened^ at Waterloo Point 19th January 1831- agreeable to a letter signed by the principle inhabitants
requesting Francis Aubin Esqr. Chairman.

1st That Thanks should be ~~given to~~ returned to his Excellency the Lt Governor for ~~the~~ his

[Illegible words crossed out between the lines]

very great personal exertions & ~~fatigue the~~ during the late operations against the Aborigines

Resolved 1st

That ~~this meeting~~ Having viewed with the greatest anxiety the late operations ~~as~~ undertaking with the
view not only of protecting themselves there Families and servants from the Atrocities of the Aborigines –
but also of ameliorating the condition of these benighted people do desire cordially to express their
utmost thanks to His Excellency the Lieut Governor for his for his individual personal exertions in
~~forwarding~~ ^superintending^ these measures

We canot but feely grateful to your Excellency fir the zeal you have [illegible] in protecting our lives &
property fr^m the atroc^{is} of the dark Natives ___ while on the other hand we equally admire the [illegible]
w^{ch} prompts you to Mercy of the auto [?] of these benighted people [illegible] for both w^{ch} ^degenerate
[?]^ objects we pledge ~~you~~ ourselves [written over top of 'your'] individually to give you our every
assistance

We the Landholders & others of this District having viewed ~~watched~~ with the greatest anxiety the late measures adopted by your Excellency for the purpose of freeing ourselves our ~~servants~~ families our children & servants from the imminent danger that constantly attends us from the outrages & murders so frequently committed against the white population by the Aborigines ^{al} Inhabitants ~~inhabitants of this country~~, danger with which we in this district are having death before our eye from more particularly surround^d, do ~~tutor~~ ^[?] ~~this~~ gladly embrace this ~~this~~ opportunity of expressing our ~~utmost~~ ^{most} earnest thanks to His E. ~~the~~ for his own individual personal exertions & for the watchful care & concern in superintending those operations, ~~for the very great exertions which he underwent & for his watchful care & concern in~~

We beg earnestly to solicit H.E. ~~to~~ still ^{to} continue his Exertions, not only in protecting our lives & Property from these people whose error lies ~~most~~ only in want of knowledge rather than their wickedness ^[illegible crossed out above] of them & solicit humane exertions to free ~~[?] them [?]~~

executing Humane & Generous [written between the lines]

but also in his Endeavours to bring these poor people from their state of ^{pitiable} Barbarism to be ~~useful~~ & enjoy some of the Blessings of Civilised life. if such cannot be wholly conferred upon ^{them} yet their children will ~~not lose~~ deserve all the Benefits desired & become an useful portion of Civilised Society. Altho We have to regret that the measures adopted did not succeed so far as might have been anticipated we have ~~still~~ ^{yet} to hope that it has not altogether been lost in benefits to this District, ^{It's} Inhabitants never having been molested by the Aborigines since the Operations for Capturing commenced, a period ^{of} much longer than any ~~wh~~ had before occurred in the recollection of the inhabitants and we desire to assure His Excellency that while we solicit a continuance of whatever measures the Government may please to adopt to free ourselves & Families from the continual ^{fear} & ^{Alarm} ^{for our lives & Property} that constantly hangs over us while These people are at larg[e] yours to forward as much possibly can those Exertions

Resolutions entered into at a Public meeting of the Landholders ^& others^ of the District of Great Swan Port convened at Waterloo Point 19th January 1831.

~~1st That the thanks of this meeting be presented to His Excellency the Lieut, Governor. for the adoption of the late measures^ in his very great personal Exertions in carrying forward the into effect the operations against the Aborigines~~

2nd That His Excellency be ^particularly^ earnestly solicited to still further direct measures to be adopted for the capturing ^& otherwise subduing^ the Aborigines, altho the Recent measures had not succeeded as far as might have been

1th That this meeting having viewed ^{^watched^} with the greatest anxiety the late operations ~~against~~ undertaken with ^{^for^} the ~~view of~~ object not only of protecting themselves their families & servants from the Atrocities of the Aborigines but also of ameliorating the condition of these benighted people, do desire cordially to express their utmost ^{^earnest^} thanks to His Excellency the Lt. Governor for his individual personal exertions in superintending these measures

Anticipated, ~~of~~ ^ with^ assurance of receiving our ~~utmost~~ ^utmost^ support in carrying into effect such measures as Government may deem expedient to adopt.

~~3 That the cause of our having not communicated these our unanimous sentiments ere this to His Excellency should be remarked in the address as not arriving from any remissness on our part but solely owing to the very great distance ^by^ which we are separated from one another and that the substance of this address proceeding should be embodied in the address to be present[ed]~~

~~3d~~ 4th That the Address be presented in person by M^r. Adam Amos & Captain Leard

4th 5th That the thanks of the meeting be presented to Francis Aubin Esqr. For his able and impartial[^] judicious[^] conduct in the chair ~~and for the trouble that he had taken~~ and his readiness to comply with our wishes in convening this meeting.

5th 6th That the following Address be approved of and transmitted to His Excellency

Unto [Sir written over unto] His Excellency. Colonel George Arthur. Lieutenant Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land & its Dependencies

The Address of the Landed Proprietors & others of the District of Great Swan Port

We the Landholders & others of this District having viewed with the greatest Anxiety the late measures adopted ^by your Excellency^ for the purpose of freeing Ourselves, our Families, and Servants, ~~from the imminent dangers that constantly attend us, surrounding us, danger~~ from the Outrages & murders so frequently committed against the White Population by the Aboriginal Inhabitants, dangers to which we in this District are more

particularly subjected, do gladly embrace this opportunity of expressing our most earnest thanks to His ^{Yr} Excellency for his your [written over] own individual personal exertions, & for his your [written over] Watchful care & concern in superintending those operations.

We beg earnestly to solicit His Your [written over 'his'] Excellency still to continue your Endeavours, ^{Humane & Generous Exertions} not only in ^{to} protecting our lives & Properties from these ^{Savage & Inhuman} strangers [?] ^{People whose error} but also to continue your ^{Humane} ~~to~~ adopt such measures as may deemed expedient [written over illegible word] ^{and Generous Exertions} to bring those very people ^{them} from their state of Pitiabie Barbarism to enjoy some of the benifits of Civilised Life, ~~if~~ ^{if} such Blessings cannot be wholly conferred upon them ~~get it selves~~, it is to be hoped that they will ^{not} be lost upon their ^{children will desire all those benifits desired and} ^{but that they will} become useful members of society.

Altho' we have to regret that the late measures did not succeed to the extent that might have been anticipated. We have yet a ~~hope~~ ^{to} inform your Excellency it has not altogether

been lost in benefit to this District its Inhabitants never having been molested by the Aborigines since the operations for Capturing ^{^them^} commenced, a period ^{^of peace^} much longer ^{^than any^} which had before occurred in the Recollection of the Oldest Settlers, & we desire to assure your Excellency that while we solicit a continuation of whatever measures the Government may please to adopt to free ourselves & families from ~~the continual fear~~ ^{^continual anxiety} the continued state of anxiety ~~constantly attending us~~ ^{& alarm we undergo} ~~^that constantly hangs over us^~~ for the preservation of ~~our Lives~~ ^{our Lives} and Properties while the Aborigines are ~~^supposed to wander~~ at large, we on our part pledge ourselves to use our most strenuous endeavours to forward such ^{^to the utmost ^of our^ ability^} ~~as much as possible~~

We have further to assure ~~His~~ Your Exl that altho' we came not ^{^earlier^} forward with this address, which was due from this District as much, if not more so

than from any other part of the Country from the well known Hostile Tribe ^of Natives^ that infests it, our delay has not arisen ~~from~~ ~~until~~ from a want of duly appreciating the ^very great^ benefits those Exertions were ~~certain~~ intended to confer on us. but owing to the local nature of the country which separates us so far from each other & prevents our sentiments from being ^easily [?]^ communicated -

6th minutes [?]

The address of the Landholders and others of the District of Oysterbay

To his Excellency

Lieutenant Governor Arthur

We beg leave respectfully to approach Your Excellency to return you our sincere thanks for His
Your very great personal exertions during the late operations against the Aborigines whose atrocities
endangered our lives and properties at every moment in the most imminent danger

Altho (owing to unforeseen events) [written beneath] the zeal manifested by Your Excellency has
not ^been^ crowned with that success which you had every reason to anticipate, we are nevertheless
happy to state that we have experienced some benefit resulting from the recent expedition, as we have
not, since it's commencement suffered a single outrage in this District and we trust that Your Excellency
may be pleased to adopt ^further^ necessary measures either for the capture of the Black Natives if
possible or otherwise for subduing them to a state consistent with the security of our lives and properties.

Knowing as ever also that

that it is entirely our own Interests [?] which your Excellency has at heart in endeavouring to restore tranquillity to the Colony by force, when every means for reconciliation afforded by Government has proved unavailing ^ we pledge ourselves individually^ to support your Excellency's measures ~~we individually pledge ourselves~~ and beg to assure you our best exertions will be at your Command whenever your Excellency may be pleased to call upon us.

We have further the honor to submit that owing to the very great distance at which we reside from one another a delay has occurred in expressing these our unanimous sentiments & but we hope that your Excellency will not attribute it to any remissness on our part

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