

P E T I T I O N

OF

INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH

RELATIVE TO THE REMOVAL

OF THE

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AUGUST 27TH, 1862.
AND ORDERED TO BE PRINTED.

PETITION OF THE INHABITANTS

To the Honourable the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled.
The Petition of the undersigned Freeholders, Householders, and others,
Electors of the City of Christchurch:—

Respectfully Sheweth—

That your Petitioners, believing that the consideration of the locality for the Seat of the Government of these Islands will be brought prominently under the consideration of your Honorable House during the present Session, are induced to address you with a view to the expression of their opinion thereupon.

Your Petitioners pray that in the event of the subject being brought under the notice of your Honorable House, you will consider the serious inconvenience resulting from the Seat of Government being placed at so inconvenient a distance from the centre of the Islands as it at present is.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that whatever may be the locality determined upon, it may be one that shall prevent the inconvenience your Petitioners have heretofore experienced by reason of the isolation of Auckland from the other Provinces, and that it may be fixed at some spot which shall afford convenience of access, facility for constant communication, and which shall not, as your Petitioners believe has been the case, prevent many of the Representatives of the people from attending to their Parliamentary duties, and so deprive the outlying districts of that fair share in the representation of the Colony to which they are entitled.

And your Petitioners will, as in duty bound, ever pray, &c., &c.

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John Whale,
Friend Lamb Robson,
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William Gladden,
Thomas Pye,
Barrett, Brothers,
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John Elvines,
William Atacke,
C. H. Bishop,
— Chervier,
William Manning,
Samuel Manning,
Hebbon James Rearrey,
George Pepper,
John Brown,
Peter Noonan,
John Noonan,
John Huffery,
M. Marks,
John Smith,
M. B. Hart,
Robert Warner,
E. C. McMillan,
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Charles Bonington.

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R. Swinbourne,
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George Hollingworth,
William Webb,
Richard Smith,
John Lucas,
James Wilson,
J. G. Ruddenklan,
Francis Slater,
T. C. Farr,
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Gilbert Butler,
John Birdsey,
Robert Watson,
Josh. Page,
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Charles River,
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John King,
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James Parker,
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John Tunmer,
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Edwin Coxhead,
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James Henry Tompkins,
John Strangman,

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 Aaron Ayers,
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 John Dix,
 Charles Stagg,
 Nicholas Martin,
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 Charles Green,
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 Fred. Le Cren,
 Thos. J. Duncan,
 Andrew Ritchie,
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 A. Whincop,
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 Rees William Walters,
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