

CHERRY GARDENS PETITION – LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL – Postal Services

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, 19th February.

All the hon. members were in attendance shortly after eleven o'clock, but his Excellency's non-appearance put their patience to a severe test. Mr. Hagen called on the Clerk to read the standing orders referring to non-attendance, and afterwards moved that the senior member present do take the chair.

Major O'Halloran seconded; but like most other motions supported by the gallant member, it came to nothing. At quarter-past twelve o'clock

His Excellency took his seat, all the members being present. The Clerk read The minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Morphett presented a petition from certain settlers in a flourishing district known as the Cherry Gardens, praying for the establishment of postal communication between that locality and the city of Adelaide. He (Mr Morphett) begged to call his-Excellency's attention to means by which the deserving Settlers of that thriving portion of the colony could be supplied with the advantage they solicited, without having to apply to that Council for a special grant. Not only the petitioners could have the boon they asked for, but postal communication would be opened up with the important District of Clarendon. The sum voted for conveyance of mails and extending postal communication for 1850 was £2550. Of that the contracts taken absorbed at the annual rate of £1,700, leaving a disposable residue of £850, from which the expense of the benefit prayed for by the people of the Cherry Gardens could be defrayed. On the motion of the hon. member the petition was read and received, and referred to the Postmaster-General for his report. The following is a copy:-

To His Excellency Sir Henry Fox Young, Knight, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's province of South Australia, and the Members of legislative Council, in Council assembled.

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the districts of Cherry Gardens Humbly sheweth -

That at present they experience considerable difficulty and inconvenience in obtaining or forwarding their letters, the nearest Post-office being situate eight miles distant.

And, hearing of an application about to be made by the inhabitants of various places in the line-from Adelaide to and beyond this district, for postal communication, humbly solicit a mail station might be fixed here.

"Should your Excellency be pleased to grant the request of the above petition, a respectable individual is willing to take charge of the mails.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

"John Whyte, Luke Broadbent, John Chambers ,Thomas Whyte, James Windebank, George Whild, Alfred Barker, Joseph Lewis, Thomas Boothey, James Broadbent, Joseph Middleton, Edward Hosken, James Middleton, Isaac Jacobs, Joseph Boothey, Henry Windibank, Henry Field, Caleb B. Dawes, Joseph Norton, Jacob Lock, John Broadbent, Elijah Broadbent."