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TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF THE COLONY OF VICTORIA.

*The Humble Memorial of the Residents in the Town and District of Portland,*

SHEWETH—

That your Memorialists have read with surprise that part of the Report of the Select Committee, appointed by your Honorable House, to take into consideration the re-modelling of the Police Force, which recommends that the Head Quarters of the Provincial Inspector for the Western District of the Colony should be at the private Township of Belfast and that a larger force should be placed there than in the Assize Town of the District.

That the County of Heytesbury, which forms a portion of the F Division of the proposed Police District, set forth in Schedule E, should be added to the E Division, as forming the proper Sea Board to the County of Hampden in that Division.

That the Assize Town of Portland being the principal outlet for the produce of the Western District, ranking in Commercial importance as the Third Port in the Colony, and its Central position between the River Hopkins and the South Australian Boundary Line, (as on reference to the Map of the District will appear,) is for these reasons the proper Township for the proposed Police District F Division.

Your Memorialists therefore Most Humbly Pray that Your Honorable House, in taking into consideration the Report of the Select Committee, will nominate the Town of Portland, as the Head quarters of the Provincial Inspector for the F Division of the proposed Police Districts.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

*(Here follow Sixty-two Signatures.)*