

## for the District of Gore.

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### HENRY HEAD.

Lives at Dundas, and has resided there 9 or 10 years, signed the Dundas petition. Dundas was originally laid out as a county town, and being the most eligible situation in the district the gaol and court house should be erected there; was improperly placed at Hamilton from private interest as well as the court house in London district in 1816. And the parliament having removed the county town in that district to the place originally selected, he considers the same course should be pursued with respect to Gore—Hamilton is altogether on one side of the district.

If not removed to Dundas, is of the opinion it should be placed in some more central position than at Hamilton, but from the natural advantages possessed by Dundas considers it the most eligible site in the district. Concurs generally in what is stated by Mr. Webster. The courts were once holden in Dundas, and on his arrival in the country he settled there under the expectation that the courts were to be holden permanently there. A plot appears upon the map as reserved for a gaol and court house. Upon the settlement of the crown reserves, and the sale of the clergy reserves, that part of the district will probably be populous, and then there will be the greater necessity for adopting a more central position.

### DAVID OLIPHANT.

Lives in Dundas, has resided there 5 years---thinks Hamilton objectionable as a county town as it is so far on one side of the district; has no advantage to recommend it in his opinion, the great proportion of good land is north and west of it, and will become populous, the blocks of reserves are good at the present time; thinks Dundas the most eligible site,---many years hence a more central position would perhaps be better; owns a house and town lot in Dundas,---thinks Dundas a greater thoroughfare than Hamilton, and a more public situation as regards the principal roads, and a town more likely to increase from the commerce of the country than Hamilton, setting out all considerations of the county town.

### JAMES KER.

Lives in Dundas, has resided there 6 years, owns a lot and house in the village, agrees in the statement of Mr. Oliphant, thinks the general interests of the district would be promoted by removing the county town to Dundas. If Dundas were not to be made the county town, still he thinks the general interests of the district would be advanced by a change to some other place more eligible than Hamilton. Has been through most parts of the district, it is a general opinion that Hamilton was selected from motives of private interest and that it is not the proper situation for a county town; has heard several persons in Waterloo say that they would not be in favor of Hamilton remaining the county town except under the impression that the district would be divided,—that if Dundas should be made the county town they would be satisfied to have the district remain entire. Dundas has great advantages of building stone, and as to timber better than Hamilton: the mill privileges he also considers an important advantage.

*Read a petition from the inhabitants of Waterloo.*

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