

thus set aside the judicious selection made by your Excellency to that office.

It is unnecessary for your Petitioners to remind your Excellency, that it has been the wise policy of Great Britain to reward the services of old and faithful Officers; and they trust that nothing will be found in the case of Aaron Hogsett, Esq., our late High Sheriff, to prevent her ministers from following her former liberal and enlightened course.

Your Petitioners, on this account, therefore, would offer to suggest to your Excellency a favourable examination of the case of this gentleman, who, having for the last Twenty years filled several situations under Government with credit, zeal, and fidelity, is now in the decline of life, with a large family, stripped of his situation and its emoluments, and reduced from a state of comparative affluence to one of poverty.

Your Petitioners presume to offer to your Excellency's benevolent consideration the great advantages which would result to Mr. Hogsett, by a message to the Honourable the House of Assembly for compensation, which your Petitioners conceive would meet with the most favourable reception, and afford it an opportunity of complying with the desires of a large majority of its constituents, and of justly rewarding the services of an individual who has performed his duty with so much dignity to himself and advantage to the colony.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed)

THOMAS RIDLEY,  
WILLIAM STIRLING,  
GEORGE THORNE.

HARBOUR GRACE,  
January 25, 1835.

(And 243 others.)

To His Excellency HENRY PRESCOTT,  
Esquire, C.B., Governor, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the undersigned Merchants and other Inhabitants of Port-de-Grave, beg respectfully to approach your Excellency.

It having become matter of public notoriety that Aaron Hogsett, Esquire, whom your Excellency was pleased to appoint High Sheriff of this Island, has been recently superseded by a person appointed by the Home Government,—we, appreciating the long and efficient public services of Mr. Hogsett in the situation of Deputy Sheriff, which, we humbly think, gave him a most reasonable and