

Enclosure in No. 34.

MEMORANDUM.

Total number of signatures to petitions forwarded up to date
by despatch of the 6th December, 1898* 18,919
Total number now forwarded... .. 1,178

Total to 14th December 20,097

A further table of the number of signatures by districts is enclosed. It practically brings the one accompanying despatch of the 25th November† up to the date of this despatch.

PART I.—CONTAINING THE ELECTORAL DIVISIONS ALONG THE SOUTHERN SHORE FROM CAPE RACE WESTWARDS AND THE TREATY SHORE TO CAPE JOHN.

Seats.	District.	Population.	No. of Voters.	No. voted in 1897.	No. of Signatures to date.
3	Placentia	12,801	3,515	2,753	1,183
2	Burin	9,059	2,329	1,688	494
1	Fortune	7,677	1,953	1,254	270
1	†St. Barbe	6,690	1,654	966	195
1	†St. George's	6,632	1,844	1,375	277
1	Burgeo	6,471	1,537	1,075	710
2	†Ferryland	5,853	1,585	1,377	690
11		55,177	14,417	10,488	3,819

PART 2.—CONTAINING THE ELECTORAL DIVISIONS FROM CAPE RACE NORTHWARDS TO CAPE JOHN.

Seats.	District.	Population.	No. of Voters.	No. voted in 1897.	No. of Signatures to date.
3	St. John's East	20,776	4,611	3,633	3,338
3	St. John's West	15,251	3,871	3,174	2,708
3	Trinity Bay	18,872	4,733	3,734	1,746
3	Bonavista	17,849	4,809	3,345	885
3	Twillingate	16,780	4,336	3,423	2,030
3	Harbour Grace	13,881	2,946	2,239	1,604
2	Bay de Verde	9,708	1,763	1,183	957
2	†Harbour Main... ..	9,189	2,345	1,754	1,042
1	Port de Grave	7,986	1,872	1,295	461
1	Fogo	6,700	1,763	1,183	385
1	†Carbonear	5,765	1,448	1,039	—
25		142,757	34,497	26,002	15,156

NOTE.—To the above totals must be added 321, the number of signatures attached to a petition already forwarded, from a few of the fishermen of the Colony when on Labrador last summer and with 800, taken as the number on the petition from a public meeting at St. John's, the total is now 20,096.

* No. 31.

† No. 28.

‡ Districts marked thus have not sent in any further signatures since last return, *vide* despatch of 25th November, 1898. §

§ No. 28.