

well with the view of not lessening the paramount importance of that objection, by its connexion with minor considerations, as because there is reason to believe that, were this grand objection removed, differences of opinion as to the applicability of responsible government to this colony in other respects, might perhaps be reconciled.

When fully signed, the petitions may be returned by some safe hand to either of the undersigned.

H. W. Hoyles, Chairman.
Robert Prowse.
William Freeman.
Nicholas Gill.
James J. Rogerson.
Henry K. Dickenson.
P. G. Tessier.
William Rendell.
Patrick Tasker.
F. C. K. Hepburn.
J. S. Clift.
J. B. Barnes.
Nicholas Stabb.
J. Macgregor.
T. R. Smith.

David Steele.
Henry Alsop.
H. Winton.
N. Mudge.
John Bond.
John Bulley.
James Murray.
Stephen March.
John Winter.
John H. Warren.
S. Rendell.
John Goodridge.
Wm. Warren, jun.
James Seaton, Secretary.

POPULATION of the several Districts, according to the Census of 1845, with their Representation in the present House of Assembly, elected in 1852.

	Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Members.	
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St. John's - - - - -	6,210	18,986	0	3
Conception Bay - - - - -	16,446	11,580	2	2
Trinity Bay - - - - -	7,518	1,283	1	0
Bonavista Bay - - - - -	5,418	1,809	1	0
Twillingate and Fogo - - - - -	5,616	1,128	1	0
Ferryland - - - - -	169	4,201	0	1
Placentia and St. Mary's - - - - -	1,018	5,455	0	2
Burin - - - - -	2,407	1,951	0	1
Fortune Bay - - - - -	2,557	363	1	0
Burgeo and Lapoile - - - - -	2,151	29	(not represented.)	
	49,510	46,785	6	9

Remarks.—Notwithstanding the large Protestant majority in the district of Conception Bay, the election riots in that district, on several occasions, sufficiently explain the cause of its representation being two Protestants and two Roman-catholics.

Trinity Bay, with a population of 8,801, Bonavista Bay, with 7,227, and Twillingate and Fogo, with 6,744, have only one representative each, while Placentia and St. Mary's, with only 6,477 has two—thus three districts with a population of 18,552 Protestants and 4,420 Roman-catholics, have only three representatives, whereas Placentia and St. Mary's, with 5,455 Roman-catholics and 1,018 Protestants is represented by two Members.

Burgeo and La Poile, with a coast line of about 200 miles, extending from the district of Fortune Bay to Cape Ray, with a population numbering 2,180, nearly all Protestants, in 1845, and now increased to at least 3,500, is wholly unrepresented. Although several Bills for giving a representative to that district, were brought into the House of Assembly, they were thrown out by the votes of the Roman-catholic majority.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.

The Petition of the undersigned Protestant Residents of the District of
in Newfoundland,

Humbly Showeth,

THAT it appears by the reported proceedings of the House of Assembly of this colony, that a majority of that body have resolved to do no further business during the continuance of the present form of local government, and that this course has been adopted with the view of inducing the Imperial Government to concede responsible government to Newfoundland.

That