

Shire of Whitby  
Council Chamber, Yau Yau,  
May 18<sup>th</sup> 1878.

To Mrs. Moses Thomas,

Dear Madam,

The Council of the Shire of  
Whitby desires to convey to you its sincere  
regret and sympathy for the heavy affliction  
that has recently visited your family, in the death  
of your much esteemed Husband after a protracted  
illness, (Mr. Moses Thomas) by which you  
have been deprived of a good and faithful  
Husband and this Council of one of its most  
able and intelligent Members.

The large funeral procession that followed his  
remains on Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of May to their last  
resting place - The Yau Yau Cemetery was  
a fitting expression of public sympathy and  
of the esteem in which he was held here - and  
this Council as the Local Government publicly  
but not echo this public testimony to his worth,  
and the loss this district sustains by his death.

May the Almighty God, who succours the  
Widow, and the orphan give you that consolation  
and support to bear this affliction with true  
resignation to the divine will.



I am, dear Madam,  
Yours Respectfully  
James Ryan  
Shire Secretary



At the ordinary day of Meeting of the Council  
of the State of Massachusetts held at the Court  
Chamber, New Year, on Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day  
of May, 1878. There were present Councillors  
Nelson, Sr. (President), W. Reid, Jr., Taylor,  
Willis, Bassett, Marshall, Smith, and Johnstone,

It was proposed by the President, and Seconded  
by Councillor Willis, that the ordinary business  
be postponed, and that this Council do now  
a adjourn for one week out of respect to the  
Memory of the late Councillor Moses Thomas,  
now deceased.

Carried Unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Reid and Seconded by  
Councillor Johnstone that the Secretary be  
directed to prepare letter of condolence and  
sympathy to be forwarded to the Widow of the  
late Councillor Thomas.

Carried Unanimously.

The Council shortly afterwards, Rose



James Ryan  
Secretary.



Mrs. Moses Thomas

(Widow)

Mary