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Details: I am delighted that the AEC has considered the name of that revered, ferocious and tenacious Indigenous warrior to replace that of a trusty and well-beloved Colonial Governor and/or his wife to identify a boundary from within which folk will be selected by their peers to represent them in a decisional forum.

Tongerletter (spelling varies among sources as Anglicisian is an imprecise art) is a man who fought courageously to defend his people and their way of life. He did so for many years at great personal cost. His wisdom dictated that upon recognising the military defeat of his cause he must turn his efforts to managing the welfare of his soldiers and their families in effective surrender. This ability to pivot from leadership in war to leadership in peace is genuinely remarkable among men.

Sir John and Lady Franklin were bold adventurers in their own right, Lady Franklin's travels throughout the Colony are well-described and Sir John's search for the North-West Passage was his demise. But they were English, and also sufficient memorialisation of them exists within the Colony.

I will shortly become an elector in Tasmania, and I would feel more comfortable in an electorate named for a man who fought for his people than a man who merely carried out his imperial duty.
