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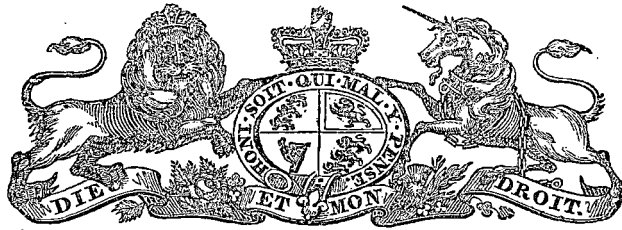
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T A S M A N I A.

P E T I T I O N

AGAINST THE REPEAL OF THE SUNDAY CLAUSE OF THE
LICENSING ACT—INHABITANTS OF HOBART TOWN.

Presented by Mr. Chapman, and ordered by the House to be printed, 27 October,
1857.



To the Honourable the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Hobart Town.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT your Petitioners have been much in communication with the Working Classes of this community.

That, from the knowledge thus gained of their habits and peculiarities, they firmly believe that the prohibition by legal enactment of the sale of intoxicating liquors on the Sabbath Day is highly calculated to promote the physical, social, and moral interests of these classes, and of the community at large.

That the degree of privation it would involve to a few would be vastly outweighed by the good that would thereby result to the many.

That, under this conviction, your Petitioners cannot but view with apprehension the efforts now making to bring about a Repeal of the 38th Section of the Licensing Act, usually termed "The Sunday Clause."

That this feeling is largely participated in by a numerous and intelligent portion of this community, is sufficiently demonstrated by the many Petitions presented to the Legislature during the Session of 1855 praying for the prohibitory clause.

Your Petitioners do therefore respectfully pray, that the attention of your Honourable House may be directed to the number and character of the Petitions referred to, as enumerated below; humbly trusting that, in your decision on a subject so important, the expression of public opinion thus indicated will not fail to have its due measure of influence.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c., &c.

Geo. W. Walker, Actuary of Hobart Town Savings Bank.
G. Hutton, Elizabeth-street.
Henry Hopkins.
Horace Rowercroft, J.P.

RETURN of Petitions received by the Tasmanian Legislature in 1855, praying for Prohibition of Sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Sabbath Day.

<i>No. of the Petition.</i>	<i>When ordered to be printed.</i>	<i>Description of the Petitioners.</i>	<i>Number of Signatures.</i>
5	July 20, 1855.	Inhabitants of Ross & immediate neighbourhood	75
6	—	Bishop of Tasmania and other Inhabitants of New Town	68
17	July 24, 1855.	Inhabitants of Glenorchy and O'Brien's Bridge	78
18	—	Ditto Oatlands and neighbourhood	78
22	July 25, 1855.	Sunday School Teachers of Hobart Town and vicinity	205
25	July 27, 1855.	Minister and others meeting in Independent Chapel, Brisbane-street, Hobart Town	196
27	July 31, 1855.	Inhabitants of Hobart Town and vicinity	780
35	August 8, 1855.	Ditto Bothwell	22
41	—	Ditto Hamilton and neighbourhood	28
42	—	Ditto Huon River	106
43	—	Ditto Brown's River	41
45	—	Persons worshipping in Wesleyan Chapel, Melville-street, Hobart Town	368
46	—	Pastor and Congregation meeting in Baptist Chapel, Launceston	Pastor and Deacon on behalf of Congregation.