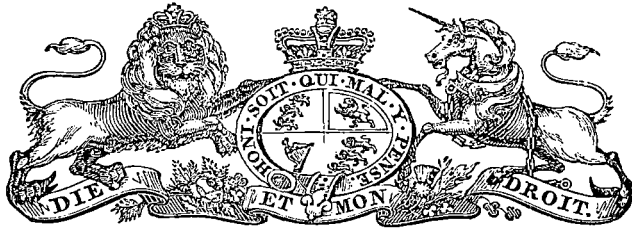


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**THE ELECTORAL ACT:**

PETITION OF MR. FREDERICK MILNE.

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Presented by Mr. Braddon, September 8, and ordered by the House of Assembly  
to be printed, September 15, 1886.



*To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly of Tasmania,  
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of **FREDERICK MILNE**, of Askrigg.

SHOWETH :

THAT he was a Candidate at the recent General Election to represent the District of Cumberland in your Honorable House; and that a deposit of £25 was lodged with the Returning Officer for the District of Cumberland by Mr. William Langdon, of Montacute, which sum was made up as follows—by the cheque of the said William Langdon for £20, and by a bank note for £5; but the Returning Officer declined to accept the said deposit, and subsequently wrote in the following terms to Mr. William Langdon :—

*Bothwell, 19th July, 1886.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of 17th July instant, covering "two separate papers nominating Mr. F. Milne for the vacant seat for Cumberland Electorate, with deposit of £25, viz., my own cheque £20, and bank note for £5, on their behalf."

Without in the most distant manner intending to question the validity of either of those papers, I beg to return them herein enclosed, and decline to recognise them as a legal tender as required by the Act 48 Vict. No. 32, sections 5 and 6.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. M'DOWALL, *Returning Officer for the Electoral  
District of Cumberland.*

*To Wm. LANGDON, Esq., Montacute.*

And your Petitioner therefore prays your Honorable House to so amend the said Act, viz., 48 Vict. No. 32, and sections 5 and 6 thereof, as to define in what manner the deposit shall be paid.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

**FREDERICK MILNE.**