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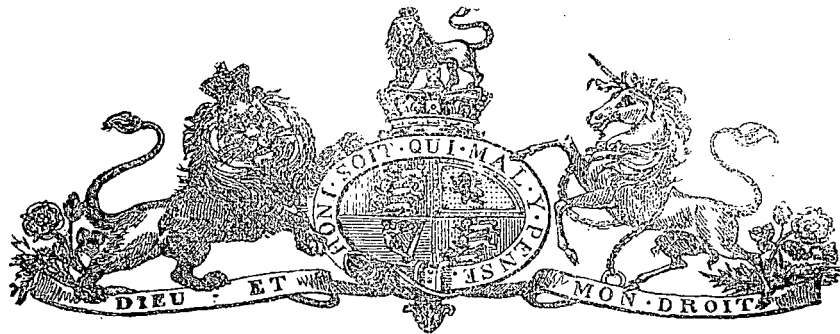
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL, 1885, [No. 7.]:

PETITION AGAINST CERTAIN PROVISIONS.

Presented by Mr. Watchorn, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
August 13, 1885.



*To the Honorable the President and Honorable Members of the Legislative Council,
in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Hobart, in Council assembled,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

THAT a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the Conservation of the Public Health," is now under the consideration of your Honorable House, and your Petitioners, while admitting generally the necessity of such a Bill, are of opinion that the provisions contained therein for appointing a Central Board are most objectionable, so far as the Municipality of Hobart is concerned, for the following reasons; viz.—

First—That the Municipality of Hobart have already a legally qualified Practitioner as Officer of Health, who is remunerated for his services out of the funds of the Municipal Council.

Second—That at the request of your Petitioners, on the recommendation of the said Officer of Health, "The Public Health (Hobart) Act" was passed by Parliament, which, in conjunction with "The Police Act, 1865," in every way meets the sanitary requirements of the City; and your Petitioners respectfully venture to assert that the law in this respect has hitherto been faithfully administered by them.

Third—That your Petitioners would consider it a great slight on the Municipal Council, who perform their onerous duties gratuitously, and who are amenable to the fullest public criticism both by the Press and the Ratepayers generally, to allow a paid Board to in any way control their proceedings and come between them and the responsible Minister.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will exempt the City of Hobart from the provisions of the Bill with regard to the Central Board.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

J. G. DAVIES, *Mayor of the City of Hobart.*

12th August, 1885.

W. H. SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

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