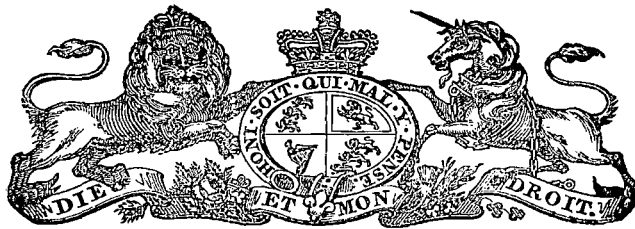


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Presented by Mr. Risby, September 29, 1881, and ordered by the House to be printed.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers of the Franklin District and Members of the
Huon Temperance Alliance.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

FIRST.—That the opinion of all the Ratepayers in the Franklin Electorate (with the exception
of those residing at Recherche and Police Point) has been taken during the past month of August,
upon the three questions following ; viz.—

1. Are you in favour of reducing the present number of Licences for the sale of intoxicating
drink in this district ?
2. Are you in favour of closing the liquor traffic in this district ?
3. Are you in favour of “ Local option,”—the ratepayers having the right to control the
liquor traffic in this district by a majority of votes ?

SECONDLY.—That the result of such canvass is, that out of the total number of ratepayers
(about 430) 124 declined to vote, and that those voting answered as follows :—

Question 1st. 241 yes ; 57 no ; 8 neutral. Total 306.
Question 2nd. 223 yes ; 73 no ; 10 neutral. Total 306.
Question 3rd. 274 yes ; 30 no ; 2 neutral. Total 306.

Your Honorable House will see that of those voting 78 per cent. were in favour of reducing the
number of licences, 72 per cent. in favour of closing the liquor traffic, and 79 per cent. in favour of
Local option ; while, out of the total number of ratepayers on the Roll, 63 per cent. are in favour of
Local option.

Your Petitioners would humbly remind your Honorable House that the principle of “ Local
option ” in connection with the liquor traffic has been adopted by a large majority in the House of
Commons in England, and that it is now before various Parliaments in the British Dominions.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House to be pleased to so alter the existing
Licensing Act as to give the Ratepayers of this District the right to determine whether licences for
the sale of intoxicating drink shall be granted in this District or not.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

J. M. BAYLEY,
Congregational Minister.
THOS. BARNETT.
H. J. BONNEY.
E. H. KENNEDY.
WM. PHILP.
O. GEEVES.
A. C. BLACKWOOD.
W. D. PEACOCK.