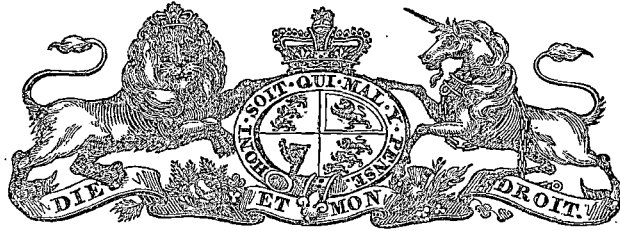


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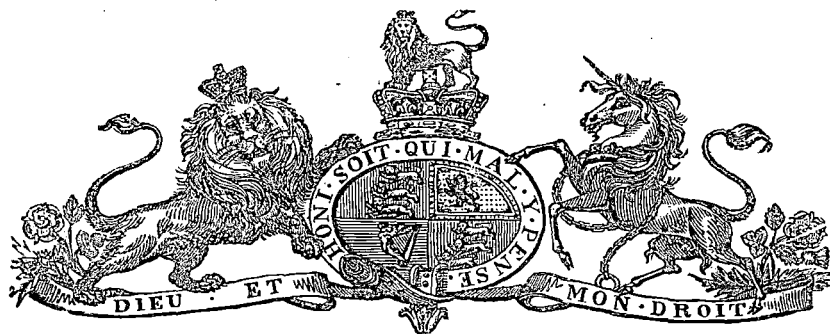
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

GRANT TO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF
LAUNCESTON.

PETITION FOR CONTINUANCE AS AT PRESENT.

Presented by Sir R. Dry, and ordered by the Council to be printed, September 13,
1865.



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

The Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Launceston.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT a Bill, intituled "A Bill to aid the Municipal Fund of the City of Hobart Town and Town of Launceston," is now before your Honorable House.

That, by this Bill, the annual sum hitherto granted by Parliament in aid of this Municipality,—namely, £2180,—will be reduced to nearly one-half the amount.

That the area of Launceston is three times greater than that of Hobart Town; and the duties of the Police are increased by prisoners arriving from, and being returned to, the Colony of Victoria, as well as by an influx of delinquents from the surrounding districts.

That the traffic from these districts is very great, and the streets of the Town are thereby cut up and injured, but the Revenue in respect of the Tolls goes to, and is received by, the Government.

That whilst by the Act 23rd Victoria, No. 36, £2047 was fixed as the maximum sum to be appropriated in aid of the Municipal Council of Hobart Town, £2316 was set apart as the maximum for Launceston; thus showing that your Petitioners have a claim for more Government assistance than the City of Hobart Town, and that the bases of calculations ought not to be alike.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to amend the said Bill, by directing that, instead of the sum thereby proposed, the said sum of £2180 be continued as a yearly grant in aid to them, on behalf of the Town, during the period therein specified.

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

*Council Chamber, Launceston,
12th September, 1865.*