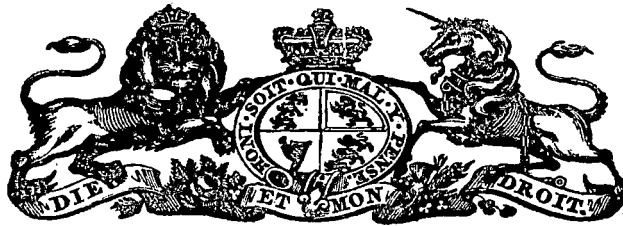


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TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

**PETITION FROM MR. P. T. SMITH FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A TRAINING SCHOOL.**

Presented by Mr. Lewis, August 24, 1875, and ordered by the House to be printed.



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

The humble Petition of Philip Thomas Smith.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioner is under the deepest conviction that the Government education of the Colony is in a very unsatisfactory condition, and requires immediate amendment.

That the Chief Inspector's reports have from time to time disclosed deficiencies and imperfections both in the attainments of the children and the qualifications of the masters, which represent a standard of educational benefit inconsistent with the expenditure and just expectations of the Country.

That the dissatisfaction is general, and is based on one common opinion that an honorary and irresponsible Board is inadequate to the discharge of the functions of so important a department.

That, independently of other defects, no provision has yet been made for an adequate supply of trained Teachers, without which there can be no success.

Your Petitioner therefore respectfully submits to your Honorable House the urgent importance of immediate steps being taken to rectify the aforesaid evils,—the first and most pressing necessity being, in your Petitioner's opinion, the substitution of some other mode of management than that of an honorary head of the department, whose first duty should be the organisation of a Training School for Teachers.

That your Petitioner is willing to contribute One thousand Pounds towards the establishment of a Training School, upon your Honorable House approving of the project and adopting the necessary measures for carrying it out.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Honorable House will forthwith give its most serious attention to these matters, and take such steps as to your Honorable House shall seem meet.

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

PHILIP T. SMITH.

Hobart Town, 24th August, 1875.