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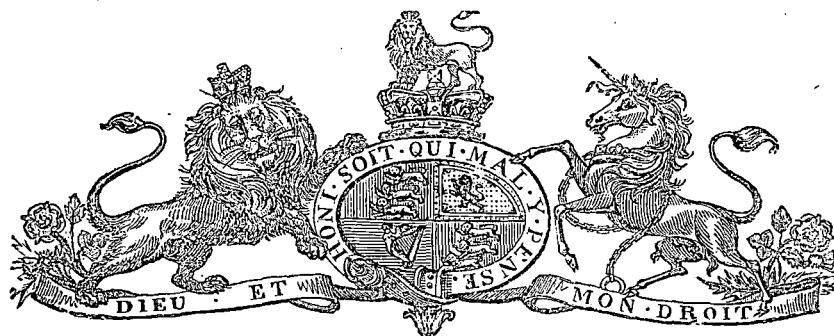
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P E T I T I O N No. 2.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—HOBART TOWN.

Presented by Mr. Chapman, and ordered by the House to be printed, 22 August,
1861.



To the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Hobart Town and its Suburbs.

SHOWETH :

THAT they view with alarm the very many Female Children in Hobart Town who are neglected by their natural Guardians, and consequently are acquiring habits resulting, or likely to result, in ruin to themselves and serious dangers to the Community.

That they desire to see established "An Industrial School," in which such Children may be separated from bad associations, and trained to habits of virtue and usefulness.

That your Petitioners feel convinced that private benevolence, in carrying out the object of such an Institution, would be found inefficient without the aid of legal provisions adapted to the exigencies of the case.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that Your Honorable House will be pleased to adopt or enact such measures as may be deemed expedient whereby such Children may be maintained and controlled in an Industrial School, and their Parents or natural Guardians be compelled by Law to defray a portion at least of the cost of their maintenance.

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

[*Here follow 835 Signatures.*]