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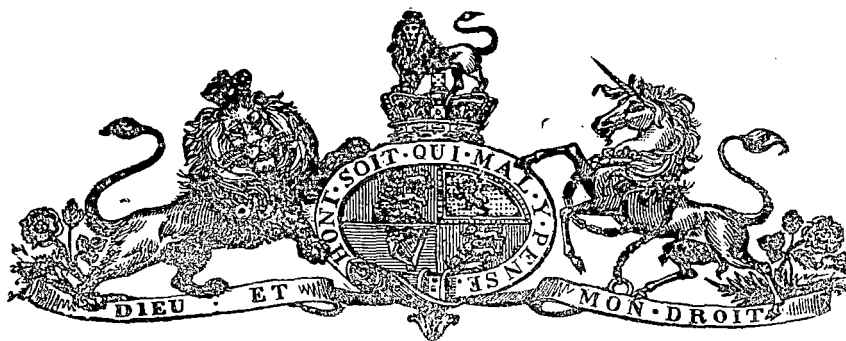
T A S M A N I A.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FIRE BRIGADES BILL, (No. 23):

**PETITION FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF INSURANCE
COMPANIES.**

Presented by Mr. Crowther, September 6; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
September 15, 1882.



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

The Petition of the undersigned Representatives of Insurance Companies carrying on business in
Tasmania,

SHOWETH :

That the Bill 46th Vict. No 23, entitled "A Bill to provide for the Appointment of Superintendents of Fire Brigades, and for other purposes therein mentioned," is totally inadequate to provide for the evils sought to be remedied thereby ; and they desire to point out—

1st. That the Title is not sufficiently descriptive of the objects of the Bill, which should be for the establishment of "Fire Brigades," and not merely for the minor object of "Appointment of Superintendents."

2nd. That the Preamble recites "certain Companies," without naming them, or making any provision for your Petitioners being represented by registration or otherwise.

3rd. That in Clause 1 no provision is made for the appointment of a Fire Brigade Board, and no explanation is given as to the meaning of the words "sufficient provision" for "efficient Fire Brigades."

4th. That in Clause 2 no provision is made for Bye-laws for "control and management of Fire Brigades;" and your Petitioners think it would be unadvisable to leave the entire control to the Superintendents.

5th. That in Clause 4 the Bill proposes to alter conditions of existing fire policies, which, your Petitioners submit, is contrary to public policy.

6th. That in Clause 5, while providing for the buildings or premises, no mention is made of contents, which in many cases are more valuable than the building.

7th. That the interests of the whole of the householders of Tasmania are involved in this Bill, as its provisions make it compulsory to pay for the extinction of fire whether the occupier is *insured* or *uninsured*.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to refer the Bill to a Select Committee of your Honorable House, and that your Petitioners may be permitted to be represented before such Select Committee by Counsel or otherwise, or that your Honorable House will give such effect to this Petition as your Honorable House may in its wisdom determine.

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

MACFARLANE BROS. & Co.,

Royal Insurance Company.

ALEX. M'GREGOR & Co.,

New Zealand Insurance Company.

FRED. H. WISE,

National Fire and Marine of New Zealand.

THEOPS. CANE,

South British Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

JOHN HAMILTON & Co.,

*London and Lancashire Company ; Union of New
Zealand Company.*

Hobart, 5th September, 1882.

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