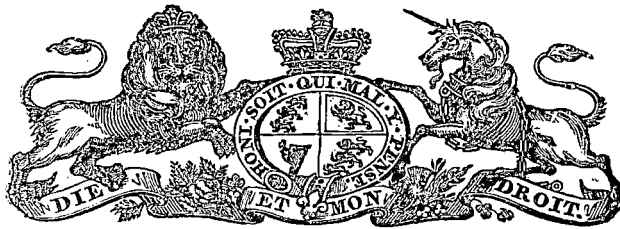


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AD VALOREM DUTIES.

PETITION.

Presented by Mr. Button, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
21 January, 1862.



To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania.

The Memorial of the undersigned Merchants, Bankers, Tradesmen, and Inhabitants in general of Launceston and the Northern Districts.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT your Memorialists view with the greatest alarm the measure which has passed the House of Assembly, known as "A Bill to Increase the Duties of Customs," which imposes *ad Valorem* Duties upon certain Articles imported to this Colony, to the injury of Memorialists.

That this Bill will increase the Commercial depression under which the Colony is at present labouring.

That your Memorialists view the measure to be wrong in principle, and bad in practice.

Your Memorialists therefore earnestly pray that Your Honorable House will not pass the Third reading of this enactment.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

[*Here follow 651 Signatures.*]