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TASMANIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. W. O'DELL BURROWES.

PETITION IN REFERENCE TO ADMISSION OF MEDICAL
PRACTITIONERS.

Presented by Mr. Innes, February 5; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
February 6, 1867.



To the Honorable the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of William O'Dell Burrowes.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioner was engaged in the study of Medicine, Surgery, and Pharmacy, under the tuition of E. S. P. Bedford, Esq., a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, in St. Mary's Hospital, as formerly established in the City of Hobart Town, for the space of five years; and during the latter two years of which period he satisfactorily discharged all the duties of House Surgeon in that Institution.

That circumstances having induced your Petitioner to emigrate to the Colony of Victoria, he there, in partnership with the late Doctor Thomas Davey Scott, in the Bendigo Hospital and elsewhere, continued the practice of Medicine, Surgery, and Pharmacy.

That having been latterly compelled by family affairs to return to this Colony, and being desirous of following his Profession, he is prevented from doing so by the disability under which, as he is informed, the Medical Board of this Colony at present labours in not being permitted to admit any person to the Practice of Medicine who did not produce Certificates of attendance on Hospital Practice and Lectures as required by some European College.

Your Petitioner, therefore, humbly submits to your Honorable House that, as Students in Law, or in Divinity, who have satisfactorily pursued their studies in this Colony may be legally admitted to the Professions which they have chosen to follow, there can be no reasonable objection, under similar circumstances, against admitting Medical Students to examination, and, if duly qualified, granting them liberty to practise their Profession without entailing on them the enormous expense of a voyage to England, and a residence there of three years; and further, that this extension of privilege to the Medical Board would become a most substantial means of encouraging the higher class education without burthening the taxes of the Colony.

Your Petitioner, therefore, humbly prays your Honorable House to pass such law as will enable the Medical Board of this Colony to confer on such Students as, having pursued their studies in this Colony, may satisfactorily pass the required examination, the requisite Diploma or Licence to practise.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

WILLIAM O'DELL BURROWES.

Parsonage, Pontville, February 4th, 1867.