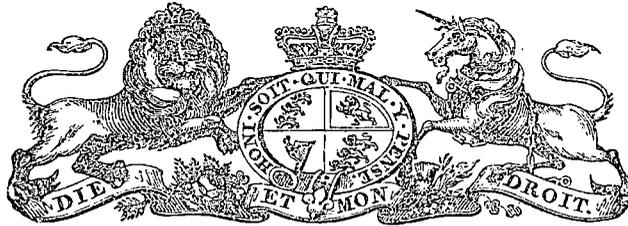


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SESSION II.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA CONSTITUTION
BILL:

Petition in favour of allowing the Preamble of the Bill to remain as
framed and approved by the Convention sitting at Adelaide.

(Mr. Crowther, July 28, 1897.)

Ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed.

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

WE, the undersigned adult residents of Hobart, believing that Religion and the State should be kept entirely separate,—that religious legislation is subversive of good government, contrary to the principles of sound religion, and can result only in religious persecution,—hereby humbly but most earnestly petition your Honourable Body not to pass any measure or amendment for the insertion of any religious clause or declaration of religious belief in the Constitution of the Australian Commonwealth which might be taken as a basis for such legislation, but that in this respect it be allowed to remain as framed and adopted by the Delegates to the Adelaide Federal Convention.

[Here follow 145 Signatures.]