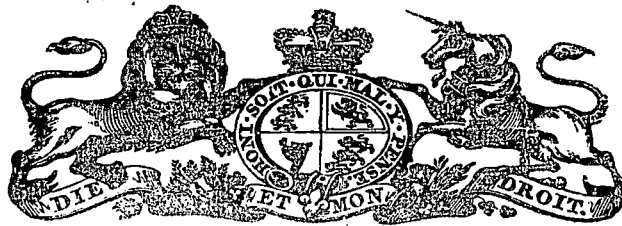


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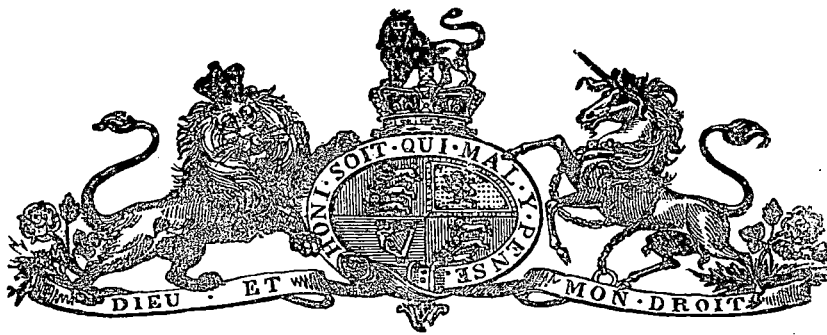
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PETITION FROM TASMANIAN TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE.

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Presented by the Premier, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 23, 1884.



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

The humble Petition of the Executive Committee of the Tasmanian Temperance Alliance,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT the Tasmanian Temperance Alliance has been engaged for upwards of a quarter of a century in endeavouring to suppress intemperance in the Colony, but your Petitioners regret that the numerous facilities for obtaining strong drink have very much retarded such efforts. Your Petitioners respectfully assure your Honorable House that they are therefore glad of the adoption of any measure that will in any respect limit the means for procuring intoxicating drinks, and are consequently pleased to hear that a Bill to further amend the Licensing Act has been introduced into your Honorable House, as they believe its provisions will, in some measure, tend to lessen the public sale of alcoholic liquors.

That your Petitioners beg to remind your Honorable House of the many Petitions, numerously signed, which were presented to and received by your Honorable House during the last Session of Parliament, and which Petitions contained a very general expression on the part of the public that the ratepayers might be allowed to decide whether the sale of intoxicating liquors should or should not be permitted in their respective neighbourhoods; and your Petitioners respectfully submit that since that Session the desire on the part of a very large number in the community for placing greater restrictions on the sale of alcoholic liquors so as to lessen the temptation which their public sale frequently causes, has very much increased.

That your Petitioners feel assured that, if time allowed, Petitions could be obtained from a large majority of the colonists, not only in support of the Bill now before your Honorable House, but also in favour of a more stringent measure.

That your Petitioners would respectfully assure your Honorable House that temperance reformers are not seeking, as it is often alleged, to close or suppress hotels and houses for the entertainment of travellers, but they are simply desirous that the sale of alcoholic drinks should not be allowed in such houses, that thus a great and fruitful source of evil might be prevented.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honorable House that the "Bill to further amend the Licensing Act" may pass into law, and that your Honorable House in its wisdom may enact such other provisions to enable the ratepayers to give practical expression to their wishes as to the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

P. Facy.  
L. Lodge.  
Thos. M. Fisher.

John Andrews.  
Geo. W. Ife.  
Frank Shann.

G. T. Taylor.  
Andrew Kirk.  
W. H. Bowe.