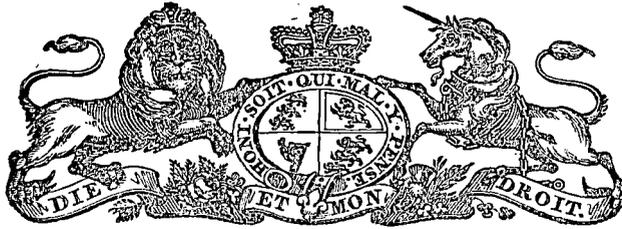


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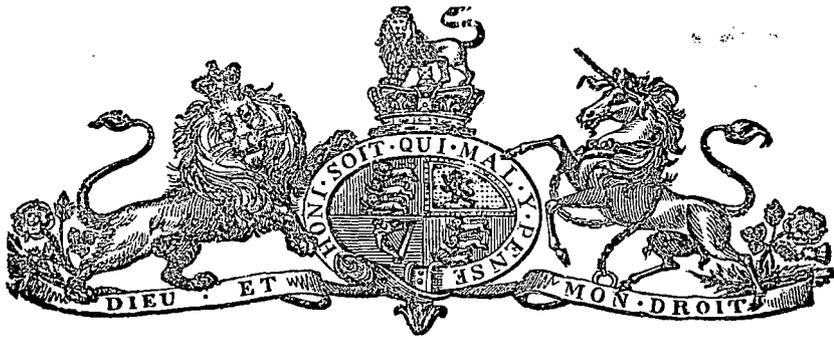
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Presented by Mr. C. Meredith, September 22, 1870, and ordered by the House
to be printed.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Shipowners and others interested in the Trade of the Port of Hobart Town.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT it is the opinion of your Petitioners, an opinion formed and justified by the experience of many years, that the Marine Board of the Port of Hobart Town as at present constituted has not worked and does not work advantageously to the public interests, and that it has failed to fulfil the legitimate and beneficial purposes contemplated by the Government in its original establishment ; and that the Shipping Trade and Interests of the Colony would, in the humble opinion of your Petitioners, be greatly promoted were the duties now discharged by the Marine Board transferred to the Customs Department, under whose control and responsibility the dissatisfaction now felt by the Shipowners would be removed.

Your Petitioners respectfully submit to your Honorable House that by the adoption of the course which they humbly suggest, a saving would be effected to the Colony of a large amount of money now annually expended in the maintenance of a Department for which no actual necessity, in the opinion of your Petitioners, exists, and the general convenience of the Shipping Interests be equally promoted.

Your Petitioners, therefore, respectfully pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to adopt such measures, by the appointment of a Select Committee or otherwise as to your Honorable House may seem meet, to inquire into and report upon the general working of the Marine Department, to which your Petitioners refer, with the view to the removal of all grounds of dissatisfaction and the promotion of the Shipping Interests of the Colony.

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

[Here follow 17 Signatures.]