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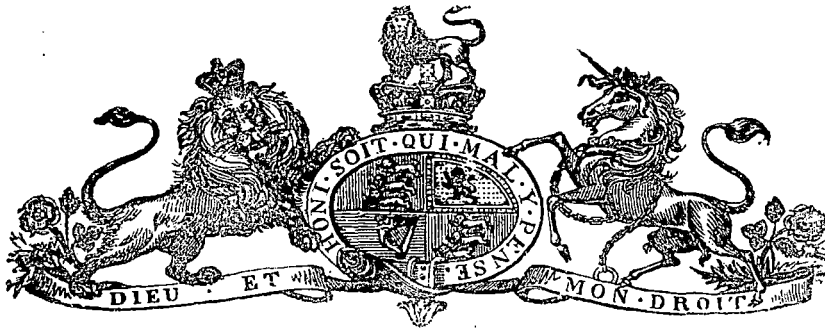
TASMANIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

VOTING FOR ROAD TRUSTEES AND
MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS:

PETITION.

Presented by Mr. Dodery, October 22; and ordered by the Council to be
printed, October 31, 1878.



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

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Ross.

HUMBLY SHOWETH:

THAT the system of voting for Road Trustees and Municipal Councillors by law established and now in force in Tasmania gives an undue preponderance to large property-holders, whilst it wholly deprives a large class of small proprietors from any share in the election of such officers, notwithstanding that all are alike liable for their quota of rates and taxes imposed by these institutions.

That such a system of class legislation tends to bring into disrepute these institutions which were designed for, and if properly worked would lead to, the benefit and respect of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will adopt such measures as will regulate these institutions so that every person liable for any local rates or taxes through the operations of these institutions may have and give at least one vote at any election, and that no person shall have or give at any election a greater number of votes than five.

And Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 22 Signatures.]