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TASMANIA.

PETITION AGAINST ADDITIONAL TAXATION.

FROM THE DISTRICT OF SORELL.

Presented by Mr. Whyte, and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed, 12 February, 1857.



To the Honourable the Members of the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Undersigned Inhabitants of the District of Sorell.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH.

That your Petitioners regard with feelings of deep disappointment and dissatisfaction the excessive, unreasonable, and unnecessary amount of Public Expenditure still contemplated, as appears by the Estimates recently passed by the House of Assembly, and consider that good and efficient Government can be realised to the comparatively small population of this Colony by an expenditure considerably within the amount of the present Revenue.

That your Petitioners deprecate any interference with the existing Fiscal Regulations, or the imposition of additional Taxes by any mode whatever, at least until a thorough revision of the Public Departments, and extensive reduction of the higher grades of Salaries, and the abandonment of unproductive and unnecessary Public Works shall have taken place.

That the details of the financial policy of the Ministry are contrary to the established and recognised principles of political economy, and at this peculiar moment especially calculated to work mischief, perhaps irreparable, to the prospects of the Colony.

And your Petitioners therefore pray your Honourable House not to pass into law any scheme of additional Taxation until a complete revision and retrenchment of the present Public Expenditure shall have been effected.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

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