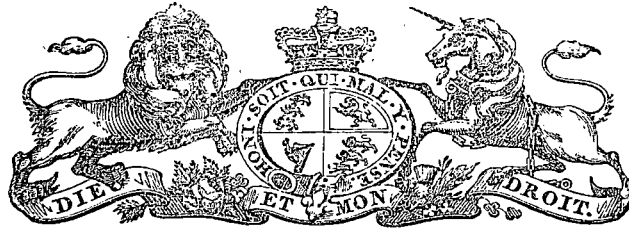


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BANK OF VAN DIEMEN'S LAND LOTTERY  
BILL, (No. 16):

PETITIONS AGAINST.

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Presented to the House of Assembly, August 28 and 29, 1893, and ordered to be  
printed, August 31, 1893.



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

The Petition of the undersigned, the Bishop and the Clergy of the Church of England in Tasmania,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

THAT, whilst your Petitioners yield to none in their feelings of heartfelt sympathy for all who are now suffering from the failure of the Bank of Van Diemen's Land, and have been themselves grievously affected by the same disaster, yet they, as responsible teachers of Christian morals, regard with grave concern the introduction into your Honourable House of a Bill for the legalisation of a lottery to enable the said Bank to pay its debts.

Your Petitioners protest against this Bill, and base their objections on principles in their opinion incontrovertible from the point of view of any code of morality :

1. That gambling in any form cannot be introduced into business transactions without danger to society.
2. That it is fatal to the true progress of a country to depart from right principles for the sake of a present seeming advantage.
3. That, as the Legislature of this Colony has, in 42 Victoria, No. 17, already condemned lotteries as "to the prejudice of the common good and welfare," it would be striking a blow at political consistency if it reverses such legislation on behalf of any object, however important.
4. That, as your Honourable House by your decisions moulds the character of our public life, your Petitioners pray you, for the sake of our community, to reject a Bill which in its principles is detrimental to our moral welfare, as well as inimical to the cause of social industrial enterprise.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 44 signatures.]

Similar Petitions from—

- Members of the Wesleyan Church, 8 signatures.
- Women's Christian Temperance Union, 16 signatures.
- Officers Salvation Army, 3 signatures.
- Ministers Primitive Methodist Church, 3 signatures.
- Young Men's Christian Association, 16 signatures.
- W. & D. Peacock, 11 signatures.
- Ministers Congregational and Baptist Churches, 12 signatures.
- Wesleyan Ministers, 7 signatures.
- Young Women's Christian Association, 11 signatures.
- Presbyterian Church, 10 signatures.