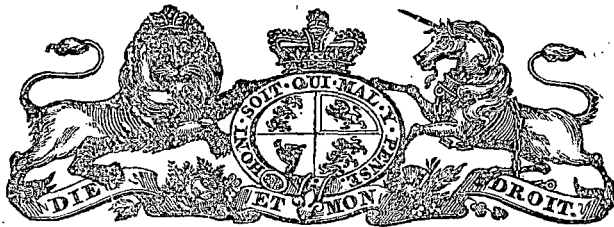


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**RURAL MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT
BILL.**

PETITIONS AGAINST FROM ELECTORS AND MUNICIPAL
COUNCILS OF GLENORCHY AND BRIGHTON.

Presented by Dr. Butler; and ordered by the House to be printed, 17. September,
1867.



To the Honorable the House of Assembly in Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Brighton.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT this Council views with regret that a Bill has been laid before your Honorable House, intituled "A Bill to amend the Municipalities Act, 1865," by which it is proposed by Sections 11 and 12 to abolish grants in aid to Municipalities by the said Act of 1865.

That this Municipality was induced to take up Municipal action on the assurance of such grant being continued, and this Council views with alarm any attempt to abolish such grant as a violation of public faith.

That the abolition of such grants must inevitably entail on property an additional tax; and this Municipality being chiefly agricultural, this Council unhesitatingly affirms that, under the present depressed state of agricultural produce, property is unable to bear it.

This Council therefore prays your Honorable House to take the premises into your consideration, and prevent the said Bill from becoming law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

On behalf of the Council,

A. FINLAY, *Warden.*

To the Honorable the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers of the Municipality of Brighton.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT we view with regret that a Bill has been laid before your Honorable House, intituled "A Bill to amend the Municipalities Act, 1865," by which it is proposed, by Sections 11 and 12, to abolish grants in aid to Municipalities.

That no existing necessity has been shown for the division of Districts into Wards, and that by Section 7 much property will be unrepresented.

That we were induced to take up Municipal action on the assurance of such grant being continued; and we view with alarm any attempt to abolish such grant as a violation of public faith.

That the abolition of such grants must inevitably entail on property an additional tax; and this Municipality being chiefly agricultural, we unhesitatingly affirm that, under the present depressed state of agricultural produce, property is unable to bear it.

We therefore pray your Honorable House to take the premises into your consideration, and prevent the said Bill from becoming law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[*Here follow 18 Signatures.*]

To the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly, Tasmania.

THE Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Glenorchy pray that the House of Assembly will take into its consideration the circumstances under which the District took upon itself the responsibility, management, and direction of the Municipality.

The Warden and Councillors of this Municipality undertook the conduct of Public affairs on the faith of the Parliament, that a certain definite sum would be provided by the State for the maintenance of the necessary Police for the District.

That the proportion of such amount was really and *bonâ fide* fixed by the Act of Parliament, 29 Victoria, No. 23.

Trusting to the action of Parliament the inhabitants undertook Municipal action, which has been carried out without complaint since the establishment of the Municipality.

We therefore pray that the conditions under which Municipal action was taken may be continued intact.

HENRY BUTLER, *Warden.*

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly, Tasmania.

THE inhabitants of the Municipality of Glenorchy approach your Honorable House with the confident hope that you may be pleased to take into your consideration their humble Petition, and make such alterations in the Bill, 31 Vict. No. 5, now before your Honorable House, as will prevent any injury from accruing to them.

The junction of the District of New Town with that of Glenorchy having already been discussed by the inhabitants of the several Districts, and decided upon by the Governor in Council at that time, it is not desirable that the decision then arrived at should be disturbed; and they pray that the conditions under which Municipal action in this District was undertaken should continue to be fulfilled by the Government.

[Here follow 77 Signatures.]