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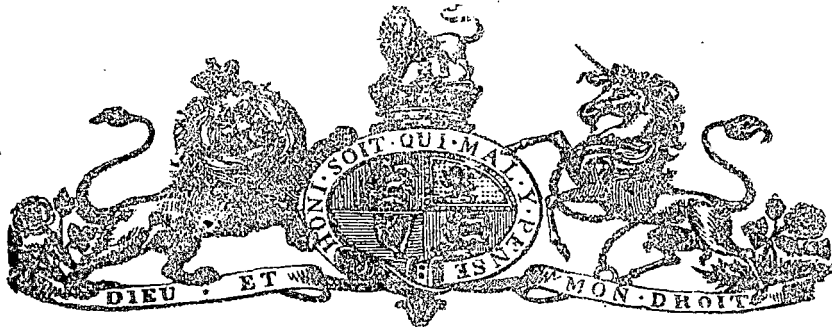
TASMANIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TAILORESSES AND MACHINISTS, HOBART:

PETITION FOR REVISION OF TARIFF.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Crowther, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
July, 13, 1882.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned,

SHOWETH :

THAT we are Tailoresses and Machinists working in the City of Hobart, and we desire respectfully to bring under the notice of your Honorable Council certain anomalies in the Tariff from which we are likely to suffer serious loss.

Your Petitioners desire to point out that, under the existing Tariff, on slop-made clothing it is impossible for local manufacturers of garments to compete with the importers who procure their goods from Melbourne or Sydney.

Under the present Tariff, clothing manufacturers in Melbourne can supply Tasmania with garments much under the cost that they can be made for in Hobart and Launceston.

We would point out to your Honorable Council that one firm in Hobart has been paying over three thousand pounds (£3000) per annum to tailoresses and machinists for the sewing and making up of clothing. If, however, the duty is not revised, this manufacturer will have to abandon the business of making up slop clothing, and we your Petitioners will be thrown out of employment.

We would ask that the duty on imported ready-made clothing should be increased, or the duty on the raw materials, trimmings, linings, &c. reduced, to such an extent that the local manufacturers may be able to compete with the strangers, and so retain the trade in this Colony, instead of driving it to Victoria.

We desire respectfully to point out to your Honorable Council that the raw materials can be imported to this Colony from home, sent to Melbourne, made up there, and then returned and sold in this market at a price which shuts out the local producer.

We therefore ask your Honorable Council to make such revision in the Tariff as will enable the local wholesale manufacturers to retain our services.

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

[Here follow 95 Signatures.]