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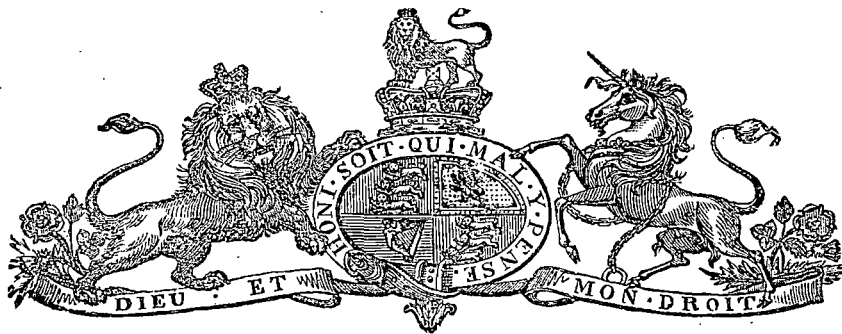
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T A S M A N I A.

CUSTOMS AND STAMP DUTIES.

PETITION FROM LAUNCESTON.

Presented by Mr. John Scott, and ordered by the House to be printed, August 25,
1868.



To the Honorable the House of Assembly in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Launceston in Public Meeting assembled.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT they are of opinion that any attempt to augment the Revenue by means of increased Customs and Stamp Duties as proposed must be highly prejudicial to the Commercial interests of the Country.

That the Trading and Working Classes do already bear more than their fair share of the burden of Taxation through the existing Package Duties ; and that the proposed increase in those Duties will fall principally upon them, and will, therefore, be most oppressive and unjust.

That we believe there are other modes of Taxation that would bear more equally, and in no way affect the Commerce of the Colony ; but we are of opinion that the present Revenue is sufficient to cover all necessary expenditure, and that the Ministry, having taken office distinctly pledged to retrenchment, is called upon to bring the expenditure of the Colony within its Revenue.

We therefore pray that your Honorable House will withhold its sanction to the proposed alteration of the Tariff.

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

WILLIAM HART, *Chairman.*