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DUTY ON RUM.

PETITION FOR ITS REDUCTION.

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1866.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Merchants and Dealers in Spirits trading at Hobart Town,  
in Tasmania.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

1. THAT your Petitioners have been made aware from the Resolutions recently adopted by your Honorable House, and from the principles of a Bill now before Parliament having reference to a mode of direct Taxation, and for the consequent reduction of Customs' Duties (should the said Bill pass), that a reduction is contemplated.

2. That your Petitioners in humbly approaching your Honorable House beg to submit for your deliberative consideration the reduction (especially) of the present Duty on Rum, and to its former rate of Nine Shillings per Gallon ; and they verily believe that at the latter sum the amount of revenue derivable as such from the Customs would be greatly augmented by increased consumption, which in their opinion would be the certain result.

3. That the Spirit referred to is, and has been for many years, of common use to those of the community (who are very numerous) who are not able to consume expensive Wines and Spirits.

4. That your Petitioners further beg the attention of your Honorable House to the fact that the Duties imposed on this Spirit in the other Australian Colonies vary from Eight Shillings and do not exceed Ten Shillings per Gallon.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to reduce the amount of Duty on Rum in this Colony to a sum assimilating with that of the other Australian Colonies, or such less Duty as in your wisdom may seem just and expedient.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[*Here follow 49 Signatures.*]