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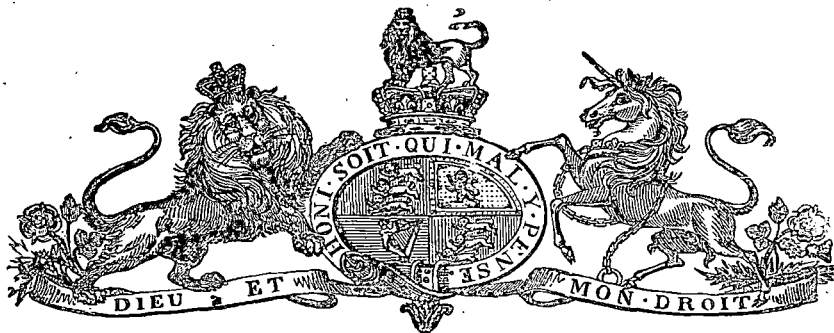
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Presented to the Legislative Council, September 23 and 28, 1887; and ordered  
to be printed, September 27 and 29, 1887.



[1. Presented by Mr. Rooke, September 23, 1887.]

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

THE humble Petition of Inhabitants of the Town of Launceston and others, in Public Meeting assembled,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT, at a Public Meeting duly convened and held at the Town Hall in Launceston on Monday, the nineteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, the following Resolutions were adopted ; namely :—

“ First, That in the opinion of this Meeting the financial proposals of the Government, and particularly those embodied in the ‘ Bill to authorise the imposition of certain Taxes on Real and Personal Property, and on the Occupiers of Land and Buildings in Tasmania,’ are arbitrary, unjust, and demoralising, and if passed into Law would be attended with disastrous consequences to our material interests and the reputation of the Colony.”

“ Second, That a Petition to each of the Houses of Parliament, embodying the foregoing Resolutions, and praying that the said proposals may not be passed into Law, shall be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Meeting, and duly presented.”

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will not allow the said proposals to be passed into Law.

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

ROBERT CARTER, *Chairman.*

[2. Presented by Mr. Gibson, September 28, 1887.]

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

THE humble Petition of certain Electors and Ratepayers of the District of Cumberland,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners, at a Public Meeting duly convened in the Town of Bothwell, after full discussion, unanimously passed Resolutions condemnatory of the scheme of Taxation contained in “ The Taxation Act, 1887,” as being cumbrous, unjust, unnecessary, eccentric in its application, and demoralising.

That your Petitioners, while recognising their responsibility as members of the community to contribute in proportion to their means and ability towards providing for the financial requirements of the State, emphatically deny that the provisions of the Taxation Act would, if carried into effect, meet the desirable end of equalising the incidence of Taxation. Besides this, the Act contains features of an objectionable nature in its working details.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will decline to give its assent to the Act referred to.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

A. M'DOWALL, *Chairman.*

[3. *Presented by Mr. Scott, September 28, 1887.*]

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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Launceston and other parts of Tasmania,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT, in the opinion of your Petitioners, the financial proposals of the Government, and particularly those embodied in the "Bill to authorise the imposition of Taxes on Real and Personal Property, and on the Occupiers of Land and Buildings in Tasmania," are arbitrary, unjust, and demoralising, and if passed into Law would be attended with disastrous consequences to our material interests and the reputation of the Colony.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will not pass the said Bill.

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

[*Here follow 1226 signatures.*]