

(No. 138.)



1884.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND ELECTORAL ACTS:

PETITIONS FOR AMENDMENT.

Ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed, September 17, 1884.



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

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Branhholm,

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT the Constitutional and Electoral Acts of Tasmania and their Amendments are unsuitable to the altered circumstances of the Colony, and out of harmony with the more enlightened and advanced system which obtains in the neighbouring Colonies.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will, during this Session, adopt such measures as in your wisdom you may deem fit to amend these Acts so as to approximate to or harmonise with those of the neighbouring Colonies ; to increase the number of Members for both Houses of Parliament ; to provide for re-distribution of seats ; to give every property owner, as evidenced by the Valuation or Assessment Rolls, one vote for one Member of the Legislative Council ; that the terms for which Members for the Council may be elected shall be the same as that for which Members of the Assembly are elected ; that the Council be subject to dissolution in like manner and under similar circumstances as the House of Assembly is at present ; and so that the Legislative Council shall have no power to alter the amount or designation of any Money Bill.

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

[Here follow 22 signatures.]

Presented by Mr. Grubb, 4th September, 1884.

Petition in same terms, from 135 Inhabitants of Mount Bischoff, was presented by Mr. Dooley, 4th September, 1884.

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

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Beaconsfield,

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT the Constitutional and Electoral Acts of Tasmania and their Amendments are unsuitable to the altered circumstances of the Colony, and out of harmony with the more enlightened and advanced system which obtains in the neighbouring Colonies.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will, during this Session, adopt such measures as in your wisdom you may deem fit to amend these Acts so as to approximate to or harmonise with those of the neighbouring Colonies ; to increase the number of Members for both Houses of Parliament ; to provide for re-distribution of seats ; to enlarge the franchise so that every man of 21 years of age, of sound mind and good fame, who has resided in the Colony for a period of six months, shall be entitled to have his name annually enrolled on the House of Assembly Electoral Roll for the District in which he may reside.

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

[Here follow 286 signatures.]

Presented by Mr. Coote, 9th September, 1884.

WILLIAM THOMAS STRUTT,
GOVERNMENT PRINTER, TASMANIA.