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TAXATION.—CERTAIN CITIZENS IN HOBART TOWN.

Presented by Mr. Haggitt, and ordered by the House to be printed, 7 July, 1863.



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

The humble Petition of the Citizens of the City of Hobart Town, in Public Meeting assembled.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

That your Petitioners have heard with alarm that Bills have been introduced into your Honorable House imposing new and additional Duties of Customs upon Imported Commodities.

That your Petitioners view with especial dissatisfaction the proposal to augment the existing Duties upon several Articles of general consumption, which your Petitioners consider in the light of necessaries of life.

That your Petitioners would respectfully represent to your Honorable House that this mode of increasing the fiscal burdens of the people is likely to prove generally injurious to the best interests of the Country, and peculiarly oppressive to the humbler and hard-working classes of the community.

That your Petitioners believe that your Honorable House would find little difficulty in devising some other means of raising the necessary Revenue without laying additional taxes on the necessaries of life ; a system which your Petitioners regard as in itself oppressive and unjust, vicious in principle, and opposed to the spirit of progressive and enlightened Legislation.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House not to pass any Bills now before Parliament whereby any additional Duties of Customs will be imposed upon Tea, Sugar, Coffee, and any other necessaries of life.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Signed on behalf of the Public Meeting,

JOHN LAWRANCE, *Chairman.*
H. S. BARRETT.
L. H. LAZARUS.
WILLIAM CUFFAY.