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FROM BAPTIST CONGREGATION, LAUNCESTON.—SUNDAY
CLAUSE.

Presented by Mr. Crookes, and ordered by the House to be printed, 28 October,
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To the Honourable the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Congregation assembling in the Baptist Chapel, York-street, Launceston.

SHOWETH:

THAT, since the enactment of the law prohibiting the Sale of intoxicating Drinks on the Lord's day, Petitioners have observed with gratification the quiet and good order which have prevailed on that day within the Town of Launceston.

That the afternoon of the Lord's day was, previous to such enactment, especially disgraced by public exhibitions of Drunkenness, under the observation of children going to and returning from the various Sabbath Schools: the change has, therefore, been particularly marked in this portion of the Lord's day since the passing of the enactment aforesaid.

That Petitioners respectfully submit to your Honourable House, that no valid reasons exist why breaches of the public observance of the Sabbath (which are very properly made penal in the case of tradesmen generally) should be legalised in the case of Licensed Victuallers.

That the legalising the Sale of intoxicating Drinks during the hours of the Lord's day will be an injustice to those Licensed Victuallers who are anxious to be relieved from Sunday trading.

Petitioners therefore pray, that your Honourable House will be pleased to refuse your sanction to any Bill having for its object the opening of Public-houses (except to travellers) during the hours of the Lord's day.

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

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JAMES DAVIES,
HENRY DOWLING, } Deacons.