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1856.

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PETITION AGAINST ADDITIONAL TAXATION

FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF
HOBART TOWN.

Presented by Mr. Nutt, and ordered by the House to be printed, 11 February,
1857.



*To the Honourable the Members of the House of Assembly,
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Members of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Hobart Town,
in Public Meeting convened.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have carefully considered the Estimates for 1857, and are quite convinced that a very great reduction might be made in each and every Department of the Government.

That your Petitioners are of opinion that many Offices might be altogether abolished—others greatly reduced—others consolidated—and a vast saving effected, and improvements thereby made without diminishing, but rather increasing, the efficiency of the Public Service.

That your Petitioners fear that the financial affairs of the Colony are still conducted upon the system pursued when under the control of the Home Government, and when of necessity accounts and other documents had to be sent to England in duplicate and triplicate, thereby occasioning a much larger amount of Office-work than now exists.

Your Petitioners are fully impressed with the conviction that such great and necessary reductions, and such important alterations as referred to, can only be brought about by immediately and completely remodelling the present—or, better, by constructing an entirely new—System, upon which the departmental business of the Colony should be conducted.

Your Petitioners therefore most earnestly entreat your Honourable House to reconsider the Estimates for 1857, and implore your Honourable House not to impose any new Taxes, either through the Tariff or otherwise; but that the exigencies of the Government be met by a Loan, given and received upon the understanding that the existing System upon which the Government Departments are worked shall be altogether reformed, or else a new and improved one initiated, which shall meet all the requirements of the Public Service, and satisfy to the full the demand of the Colony now so unmistakeably expressed for retrenchment and economy.

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

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