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Laid upon the Table by Mr. Wedge, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
12 September, 1860.



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

The Petition of J. W. KIRWAN.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

1. THAT your Petitioner entered the Public Service of this Colony on the 26th October, 1839.
2. That amongst the various Offices which your Petitioner held, were those of Private Secretary and Clerk of the Councils, and, lastly, that of Police Magistrate.
3. That your Petitioner's office of Police Magistrate was abolished on the 31st July, 1857, on the ground of Police reductions.
4. That, since the abolition of your Petitioner's office, certain statements have been placed in the hands of the Members of your Honourable House containing reflections upon your Petitioner in reference to the period when he was Police Magistrate.
5. That your Petitioner has suffered great wrong and injury from such reflections,—that he has not had any opportunity afforded him of vindicating himself and demonstrating their injustice; and, as it appears to your Petitioner to be opposed to every principle of justice that any person should be condemned without first being heard in his defence, your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Honourable House will be pleased to take the premises into consideration and grant him a Committee of the House to enquire into the matter, before whom he may be allowed to be heard in his defence and vindication, or to adopt such other course as to the wisdom of your Honourable House may seem meet, and your Petitioner's case may appear to justify.

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

J. W. KIRWAN.