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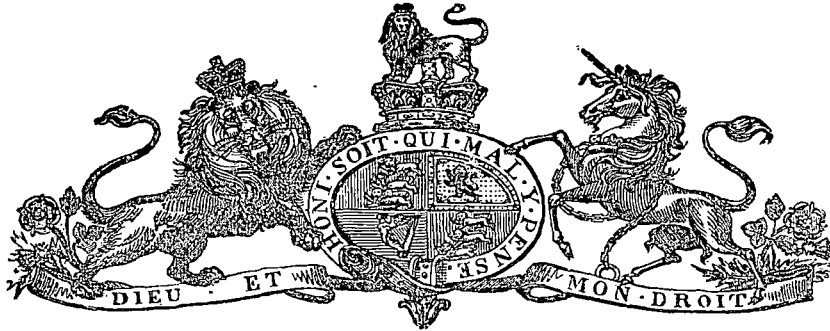
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

LAUNCESTON FIRE-BELL TOWER:

PETITION.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Barrett, September 15, and ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed, September 22, 1886.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers residing in or near the Town^w of
Launceston,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. That the site known as the Fire-bell Tower, situate in Brisbane-street, Launceston, was purchased and buildings erected thereon by the United Volunteer Fire Brigade of Launceston; and all the funds belonging to their Friendly Society, also their earnings and rewards for services at fires for a number of years, were invested in the purchase and erection of the said tower and buildings.

2. That when "The Fire Brigades Act, 1883," came into force, a number of the firemen of the Volunteer Brigade were not selected as members in the Brigade formed under the Board, thereby breaking up the corporation that had taken the responsibility of the buildings, &c. upon themselves.

3. That a member of the previous Government (the Honorable Adye Douglas) was in favour of taking over the buildings, &c., and for that purpose caused the price for same to be referred to arbitration, Mr. John Gunn acting for the Board, and Mr. Harry Conway for the Brigade. The price agreed to was £3300, and that price was submitted to the present Government.

4. That the rents receivable and payable in respect of the said buildings amount to £179 per annum, and this sum, it is believed, would amply repay the Government for the outlay.

As the present Act has virtually cancelled the means of carrying out the arrangements of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable House will take such measures as may in your wisdom be deemed best to give relief to your Petitioners.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

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