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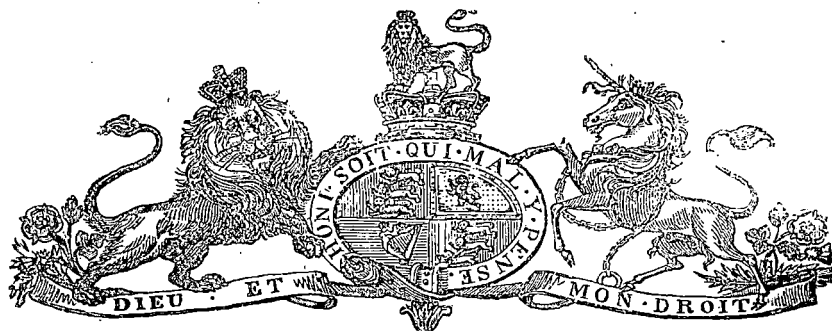
HOBART WATER ACT AMENDMENT BILL, 1894,
[No. 43]:

PETITION OF THE CORPORATION OF HOBART.

(*Mr. Grant, July 25, 1894.*)

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Town Hall, Hobart, 24th July, 1894.

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

The Petition of the undersigned Members of the Corporation of Hobart,

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH:

1. THAT the Corporation of Hobart have from time to time expended large sums of money with a view of securing to the City and Suburbs an ample supply of pure water at a moderate cost, the amount expended up to the present time being £160,000 approximately.

2. That in the year 1893 an Act, 57 Vict. No. 25, was passed to enable the Corporation to attach meters with a view of checking waste, and obtaining from manufacturers and others (who required water far in excess of what is used by the ordinary householder) the fair and equitable value of the water so used by them in accordance with the Regulations prescribed in that behalf.

3. That, without the sanction or approval of the Hobart Corporation, a measure has since been passed by the House of Assembly with the view of preventing the Corporation from charging for the consumption of water by measure as arranged for in the above-mentioned Act, thereby allowing a portion of the community to use, or even misuse, water at a smaller water rate, to the injury or detriment of others who consume water to a reasonable extent.

4. That your Petitioners would most humbly represent to your Honorable Council that the use of meters has already shown that certain establishments consume water to such a large extent that, if similar quantities were used by all others consuming water, the supply during the summer months would be wholly inadequate to meet the requirements of the City and Suburbs, as in summer time the supply of water decreases and the consumption increases, and it is therefore imperative that all undue waste or misuse of water should be stopped, which can only be attained by the attachment of meters, or by cutting off the supply during certain portions of the day, which latter would be a manifest hardship to those who fairly and legitimately use water supplied.

5. That not only are the inhabitants of the City consuming more than what is generally considered a fair amount, viz., 65 gallons per head per diem, but the inhabitants of the Suburbs also (where there are, practically speaking, no manufactories) are at the present time likewise consuming more than a reasonable quantity, it having been ascertained from actual statistics of population, and register of meter at water main, that the consumption at New Town alone has averaged for the last six months 53 gallons per head per diem.

6. That your Petitioners would further respectfully submit that nothing can be more fair and equitable than that the inhabitants generally should be called upon to pay water rates in proportion to the quantity of water consumed by them.

7. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will be pleased not to pass "The Hobart Water Amendment Bill," which proposes to unduly restrict the powers of the Corporation in the manner herein set forth.

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

The Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and
Citizens of the City of Hobart hereunto affixed, in
the presence of—

J. WATCHORN, Mayor.	
W. T. BIRCH, Acting Town Clerk.	
J. W. JOHNSON,	} Aldermen.
JOHN DUFF,	
GEO. S. SEABROOK,	
WM. SMITH,	
T. A. REYNOLDS,	
GEO. HIDDLESTONE,	