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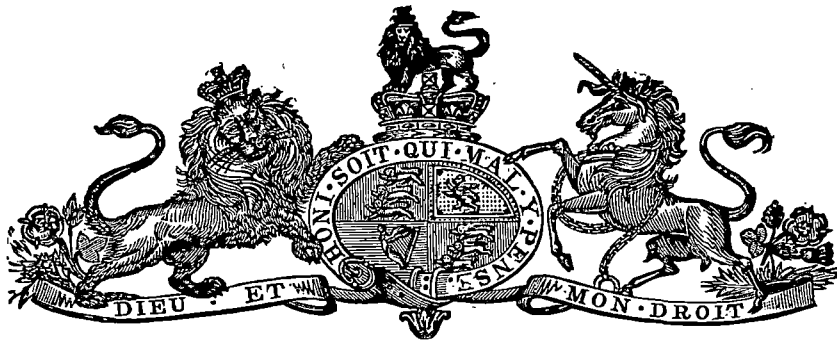
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

THE POLICE REGULATION ACT, 1893 :

PETITIONS AGAINST, FROM THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS
OF ROSS AND WESTBURY.

Presented September 8 and 12, 1893, and ordered by the House of Assembly to be
printed, September 14, 1893.



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

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

THAT your Petitioners respectfully request that your Honorable House will not sanction the Bill providing for the Centralisation of the Police, for the following reasons; viz.—

That the present Municipal management of the Police has been economical and satisfactory.

That there has been no demand from the General Public for any such measure, they being satisfied with the present arrangements.

That the Bill, if passed, will entail heavy additional expense on those Districts now under Municipal government, which your Petitioners view with alarm, seeing the heavy taxation they will be called upon to bear under the proposals of the present Government.

That your Petitioners further object to the principle of the Bill, seeing that, while recognising the desirability of the Commissioner of Police possessing the power in case of emergency to call out the whole Police of the Colony, consider the ordinary management of the Police should be in the hands of the people and not under the control of the Central Government, by whom it might be made an instrument of oppression.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed, by the authority and on behalf of the Municipal Council of Ross,

THOS. RIGGALL, *Warden.*

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

The humble Petition of the Municipal Council of Westbury, in Tasmania,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :

1. That the Bill now before your Honorable House, known as "The Police Regulation Act, 1893," wherein provision is made for the centralisation of the Police Force of the Colony, is directly opposed to the best interests of the inhabitants of this Rural Municipality and the Colony at large.

2. That the passing of the said Bill into law will strike directly at the root of Local government, inasmuch as the levying of a Rate of Ninepence in the Pound upon this Municipality for the maintenance of the Police will be so great a drain upon the ratepayers thereof that legislation by the local authority will be impracticable by reason of such excessive taxation.

3. That the whole question of centralising the Police Force of this Colony should not be further proceeded with until the Bill styled "The Local Government Bill" is before your Honorable House, so that both measures can be discussed and dealt with conjointly.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will not proceed further with the Bill to centralise the Police until the Local Government Bill is before Parliament.

JOHN MILLAR, *Acting Warden,*
for and on behalf of the Municipal Council of Westbury.

Westbury, September 6, 1893.