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Presented by Mr. Hill, and ordered by the House to be printed,
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To the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Licensed Victuallers of the City of Hobart Town and the District.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. THAT your Petitioners, in common with all classes of the trading community, are at present suffering from that depression in business so well known to your Honorable House, and referred to in His Excellency's late Address; and they humbly approach your Honorable House with their present Petition, which will set forth that which they venture to consider burthensome in the provisions of the Act, 21st Victoria, No. 39.

2. That your Petitioners beg to represent to your Honorable House that great hindrance and delay at present exist in the mode by which a Certificate of Transfer is obtainable, and would humbly submit that, on the transfer of one individual's interest in his business to another, power should be conferred on two Justices of the Peace forthwith to sanction a transfer of a Licence to a Transferree, and that one of such Justices might be the Police Magistrate of a City or Town, a Chairman of Justices in Country Districts, or the Wardens of Municipalities.

3. That further, your Petitioners would pray your Honorable House to sanction the power of removal of a Licence from one house to another, provided the Landlord or Owner of the then licensed premises shall give his consent, and not otherwise.

4. That your Petitioners would further submit for the consideration of your Honorable House that, notwithstanding the restrictions of the Act of 21st Victoria, No. 39, Sunday trade is effected, and that it is impossible wholly to prevent it; and they further venture to assert that a preventive measure does not work equitably, because those who conscientiously obey the Law are at a disadvantage with those in the trade who break it.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that, the provisions of the Bill now before your Honorable House to amend the Act, 21 Victoria, No. 39, remedying the evils of which they complain, may meet with your most favorable consideration.

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

[*Here follow 144 Signatures.*]

Hobart Town, September, 1861.