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Presented by Mr. Button, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
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To the Honourable the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.

The Memorial of the undersigned Members of the Chamber of Commerce, Launceston.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Memorialists believe that the existing Tariff is simple in detail, and the Revenue arising from it can be easily and economically collected. It has proved sufficiently productive for the wants of the Government of the Colony ; and, while it raises Revenue from articles of universal consumption, it does not thereby materially enhance their cost to the consumer, nor press unfairly on any section of the community.

With regard to the principle of protective Duties, this is not the fitting time or occasion for your Memorialists to enter upon any arguments against it. It must be sufficient here to state that, amongst those who have most deeply studied and investigated the laws which regulate the prosperity and advancement of States, all who are acknowledged and looked up to as authorities and masters on the subject are agreed upon this:—That the principle of a protective Duty, under the specious guise of benefitting, in reality inflicts deep and wide-spread injury upon any community which adopts it.

Your Memorialists therefore pray your Honourable House not to alter the arrangements of the existing Tariff, nor to impose Duties on imported manufactures, on the plea of protecting and fostering particular classes and trades.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

C. J. Weedon, *Chairman.*
A. J. Marriott, *Secretary.*
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Du Croz & Co.
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Lewis Cohen.
Jno. W. Gleadow.
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