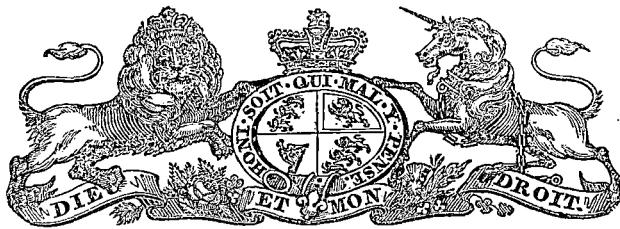


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P E T I T I O N

OF VALENTINE MARSHALL—LICENCE FEE.

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Presented by Mr. Balfe, and ordered by the House to be printed, 17 November, 1857.



*To the Honourable House of Assembly, Tasmania.*

The Petition of Valentine Marshall.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

GENTLEMEN.

Your Petitioner resides at Long Bay, and keeps the Middleton Hotel.

Your Petitioner respectfully begs to state that, in consequence of the very isolated situation of his Hotel, and the very limited number of Inhabitants in the locality of the neighbourhood, your Petitioner finds it impracticable to pay the Annual Licence Fee of Fifty Pounds per annum.

Your Petitioner is convinced that, if your Honourable House really understood the difficulty arising from remote situations, where Inns are opened for the benefit of the Public, and the very limited business arising therefrom, your Honourable House would, in justice to your Petitioner, reduce the amount of the Annual Licence Fee.

To illustrate the facts, your Petitioner begs leave respectfully to state, that there are many Inns in the Country, in Districts where the Population are circumscribed, who do not draw a barrel of Beer in a week ; whereas in Hobart Town it is a common thing to draw several hogsheads per week.

Your Petitioner further begs to state, that he has laid out at great expense and labour Gardens and Pleasure-grounds, in anticipation of inducing families in Hobart Town visiting his Hotel during the summer months ; and, after every combination and exertion, your Petitioner has not succeeded : and therefore your Petitioner most respectfully prays that your Honourable House will be graciously pleased to take his case into your favourable consideration, and allow the Licensed Victuallers in remote situations to carry on their business at such reduced Licence Fee as shall appear consistent to your Honourable House.

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

VALENTINE MARSHALL.