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INSOLVENT LAW.

P E T I T I O N.

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*To the Honourable the Members of the House of Assembly,
in Parliament assembled.*

The Memorial of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Hobart
Town.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT great complaints have for a long time past been constantly made by the Mercantile community of this Island of the inadequacy of the present Insolvent Law of the Colony to carry out the objects for which it was enacted, namely, the equal distribution of Estates, the relief of the unfortunate Debtor, and the punishment of the fraudulent; and that these complaints appear to your Memorialists to be well founded and just.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to take into consideration the propriety of repealing the said Law, and of substituting for it one better calculated in the opinion of your Honourable House to effect the objects in question; and your Memorialists further respectfully suggest, that if this cannot be done during the present Session, much benefit would accrue if your Honourable House would be pleased to amend the present Act so far as to add to it the Form of a Warrant for the committal of fraudulent Insolvents, the want of which appears at the present time to render it little better than "a dead letter."

A. M'NAUGHTAN, *Chairman.*

MICHAEL EVANS, *Secretary.*

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