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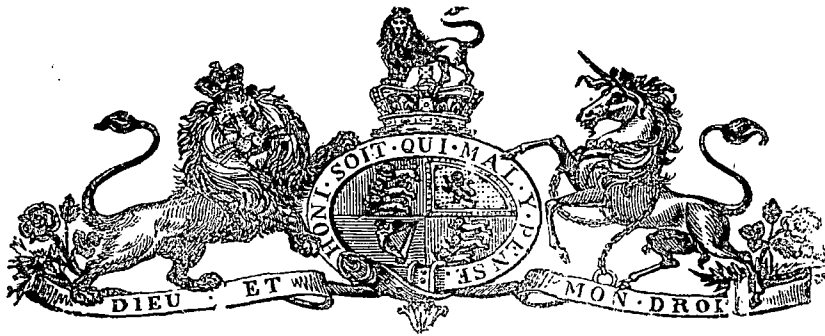
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

CAMPBELL TOWN WATER BILL, (No. 44):

P E T I T I O N.

Presented by Mr. Chapman, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
November 8, 1878.



*To the Honorable President and Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania,
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of Landholders and Residents on the banks of the Macquarie River in the District of Campbell Town.

SHOWETH:

THAT a Bill has passed the other branch of the Legislature giving power to the District of Campbell Town to define a District and levy a rate for paying interest on money expended for the purpose of supplying the residents of Campbell Town and the banks of the Elizabeth River with water.

Your Petitioners consider that the water would only benefit persons living along the Elizabeth River; and as a dam was erected at the mouth of Toombs' Lake by private subscriptions which has kept the Macquarie River running ever since and provided plenty of water for the residents on both banks, and that a great injustice would be done if the Bill in its present state became law, entailing a rate for a number of years on properties that will receive no benefit from an extra supply of water.

Also, that when a poll of the ratepayers was taken at Campbell Town some persons through oversight voted for instead of against the proposal for a water supply, and if that had not been done the majority in favour of the proposal would have been very slight.

And your Petitioners pray your favourable consideration of the Memorial, inasmuch as the undersigned live some of them at the extreme end of the District, twenty miles from Campbell Town, on the banks of another river.

And that, as only those persons living along the banks of the Elizabeth River will receive a benefit, the boundaries of the Water District may be curtailed so as to exclude residents on the north and west banks of the Macquarie River, and to follow the course of the Elizabeth River from its source to its junction with the Macquarie River, thereby confining the District into such limits that all residents in the curtailed District will be benefited.

And that, at a meeting held at Longford to consider a proposal for supplying that Town with water, it was decided by a majority that it would be unfair and unjust to levy a rate upon those properties which would not receive any benefit.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

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