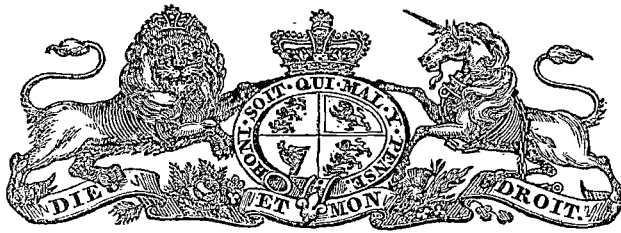


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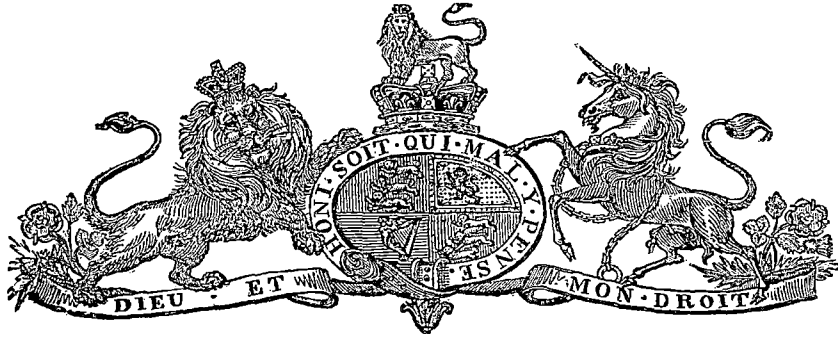
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T A S M A N I A.

PETITION AGAINST ADDITIONAL TAXATION

FROM THE DISTRICT OF CLARENCE.

Presented by Mr. Abbott, and ordered by the House to be printed, 12 February,
1857.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the District of Clarence.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners consider the present Expenditure of the Government to be far in excess of the amount required for the Government of so small a population as that of this Colony.

That the Expenditure of the Government may be brought within the amount arising from the existing system of taxation; and your Petitioners do therefore earnestly pray your Honourable House to delay sanctioning any new measures of taxation until a remodelling of the different Government departments has been carried into effect.

That your Petitioners consider the proposed scheme of taxation submitted to your Honourable House to be unequal in its bearing on the different sections of the community, and therefore highly objectionable; whilst the tax on imported cattle and sheep, from the retaliatory measures it is calculated to cause in the sister Colonies, is impolitic, and inimical to the best interests of this Colony.

That your Petitioners are of opinion that, if an additional revenue is required, plans less objectionable than those brought forward by the Finance Minister can be resorted to.

That your Petitioners respectfully suggest that, instead of placing imposts on the necessaries of life, such as tea, sugar, coffee, and rice, a tax of one penny per pound be levied on wood exported from the Colony, from which a revenue approaching £25,000 per annum would be found to accrue, while the measure would tend to equalise the taxation.

That your Petitioners pray your Honourable House to take the premises into consideration, and not to impose additional taxation until an opportunity has been afforded of ascertaining how far the present expenditure of the Government can be reduced.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

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Charles Wilcocks.
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John Watson.
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