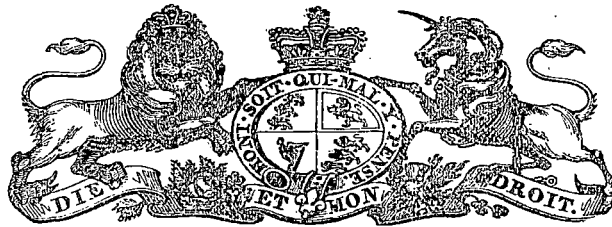


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POLICE REGULATION BILL, 1893, [No. 18]:

PETITIONS AGAINST.

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Presented by Mr. Page, September 15, 1893, and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed.



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

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

THAT your Petitioners respectfully request that your Honorable House will not sanction the Bill providing for the Centralisation of the Police, for the following reasons, viz. :—

That the present Municipal management of the Police has been economical and satisfactory.

That there has been no demand from the general public for any such measure, they being satisfied with the present arrangement.

That the Bill, if passed, will entail heavy additional expense on those Districts now under Municipal Government, which your Petitioners view with alarm, seeing the heavy taxation they will be called upon to bear under the proposals of the present Government.

That your Petitioners further object to the principle of the Bill, seeing that, while recognising the desirability of the Commissioner of Police possessing the power in cases of emergency to call out the whole Police of the Colony, consider the ordinary management of the Police should be in the hands of the people and not under the control of the Central Government, by whom it might be made an instrument of oppression.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed, by the authority and on behalf of the Municipal Council of Ross,

THOS. RIGGALL, *Warden.*

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*To the Honorable the President and the Honorable Members of the Legislative  
Council of Tasmania.*

The Petition of the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Campbell Town,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :

THAT the Members of the Campbell Town Municipal Council, having carefully taken into consideration the provisions of the Bill, intituled "A Bill to make better provision for the Appointment and Regulation of the Police Force of Tasmania," desire most earnestly to point out—

That, during the 27 years the Campbell Town Police Force has been under the control of the Warden and Councillors, the system has worked well and given general satisfaction, and in no instance has the Commissioner found occasion to complain of the conduct of the Police.

That the sum of about Four hundred Pounds (£400) has been expended from the Municipal Funds for the erection and repairs of buildings which have been exclusively used by the Police.

That the changes contemplated by the said Bill will cause the ratepayers of this Municipality to be taxed for nearly £400 per annum for Police purposes more than they are at present.

That all districts in this Colony should have been compelled to take Municipal action, and thus have prevented the dual control which is considered to be detrimental to the proper conduct of the Police Force.

Signed, on behalf of the Municipal Council of Campbell Town,

September 14, 1893.

FREDERICK HART, *Warden.*