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P E T I T I O N

FROM F. J. HOUGHTON AGAINST THE RETURN OF ADYE
DOUGLAS, ESQ., FOR NORFOLK PLAINS.

Presented by Mr. James Scott, November 8, 1871, and ordered by the House to
be printed.



To the Honorable the Speaker and the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly, Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of Frederick James Houghton, of Perth, Tasmania.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT your Petitioner was a duly nominated Candidate at the last General Election as a fit and proper person to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Norfolk Plains in the House of Assembly of Tasmania.

That Adye Douglas, Esquire, of Launceston, was also nominated at the said General Election for the said Electoral District.

That, when the Nomination Paper of the said Adye Douglas was read by the Returning Officer at the hustings, your Petitioner protested against the election of the said Adye Douglas, because the said document was informal, and not "according to equity and good conscience."

That your Petitioner also protests against the election of the said Adye Douglas because several Electors whose names and qualifications were on the Electoral Roll for said District were refused to be allowed to record their votes at the said Election by the Returning Officer at Norfolk Plains, and by the Deputy Returning Officer at Perth.

That your Petitioner, therefore, humbly prays that your Honorable House will refer this Petition to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, and that all papers and documents relating thereto may be produced.

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

Dated this 28th day of October, 1871.

F. J. HOUGHTON.