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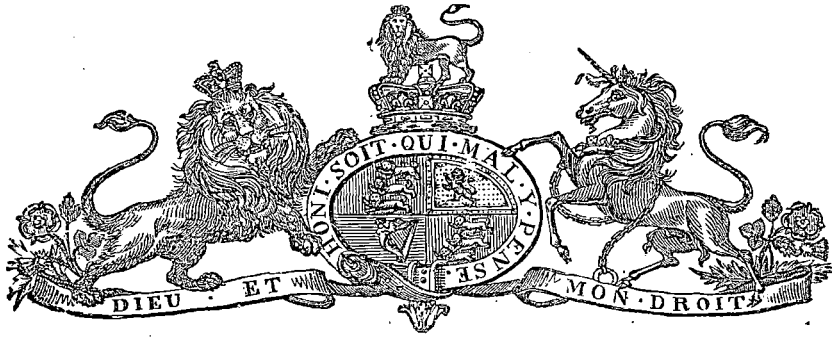
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STAMP DUTIES.

PETITION AGAINST RAISING ADDITIONAL.

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Presented by Mr. Weedon, August 22; and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
August 23, 1865.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Members of the Chamber of Commerce of the Town  
of Launceston.

HUMBLY SHOWETH:

THAT your Petitioners learn with regret that, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the year 1866, it is the intention of the Government to submit to your Honorable House a measure having for its object the extension of the Stamp Act to the imposition of One Penny duty on every receipt or discharge given for or upon the payment of money amounting to Twenty Shillings or upwards, and also the like sum of One Penny on every Draft or Order for the payment of any sum of money to the bearer or to order on demand.

That your Petitioners consider that any addition to the Stamp Act of such a nature as above alluded to would greatly aggravate a burden already, from its troublesome and vexatious character, almost intolerable, would prove an additional hindrance to the prosecution of business, and occasion such an amount of annoyance, trouble, confusion, and loss of time to all engaged in trade as in comparison to render the amount anticipated to be raised by the proposed additional Duties altogether unworthy of consideration.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to withhold your sanction from any measure having for its object the raising of additional Duties under the Stamp Act; and your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

*[Here follow 25 Signatures.]*