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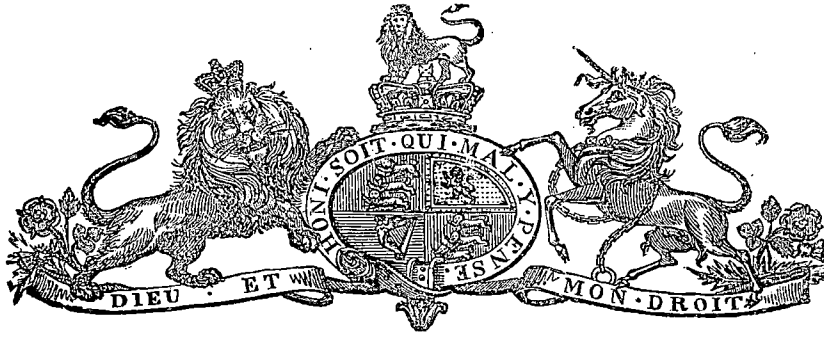
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PETITION FOR REDUCTION.

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Presented by Mr. Whyte, September 24; and ordered by the Council to be printed, September 26, 1867.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Merchants and Dealers in Spirits, trading at Hobart Town in Tasmania.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners humbly submit to your Honorable Council's consideration :—That, should a Resolution or Bill from the House of Assembly be submitted for your approval,—namely, the reduction of the Customs' Duties on the article of Rum as an import, so as to assimilate (so far as may be) the equalisation in amount of Duty to that of the other Australian Colonies,—we pray your assent to such Resolution.

That your Petitioners beg further to submit that the present high Duty on the import of the Spirit referred to, if reduced, would have the effect to increase the Revenue by a greater consumption of a Spirit now so largely used in this Colony, and thus at the same time operate as a deterrent to Illicit Distillation now so largely carried on, to the country's loss in revenue, and likewise to your petitioners as fair dealers.

That your Petitioners beg your consideration of the fact that the amount of Duty levied in the other Australian Colonies varies from Eight Shillings, but does not exceed in any of them Ten Shillings, per gallon.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray the consideration of the matters aforesaid, should a Bill for the Amendment of the present Tariff in the Duty aforesaid be submitted ; and that your assent may be given to such a reduction of Duty as the Honorable the House of Assembly may approve.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

*Hobart Town, September, 1867.*

*[Here follow 84 Signatures.]*