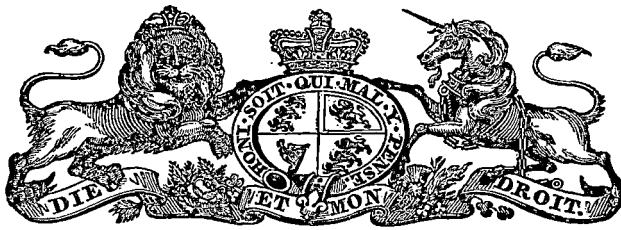


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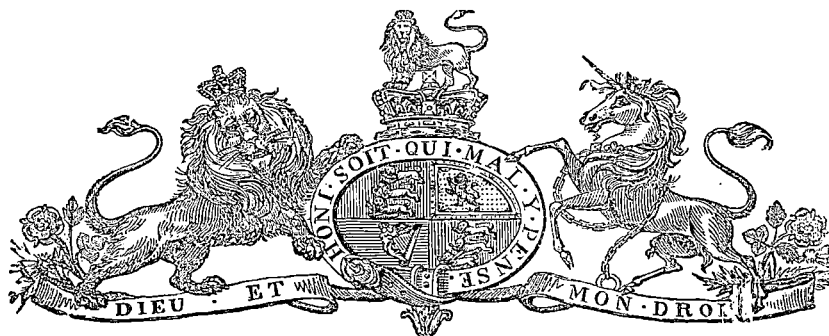
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PETITION No. 27.

SPRING BAY OYSTER BEDS.

Presented by Mr. Hodgson, and ordered by the House to be printed,
29 August, 1861.



To the Honourable the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Landholders and Householders within the Municipality of Spring Bay.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners view with great concern the gradual destruction of the Spring Bay Oyster Beds. That they believe there are more Licences annually granted than the area of the Fishing grounds will bear without great injury. That the Municipal Council do not receive the amount of the Licences. That they have not the power of exercising any control over the Fishing grounds. That they believe, under the system now pursued, they will be totally annihilated, as they have been in other places. That they at present bring a large amount of money to the Colony. And they humbly submit that no parties can be so fit to control and superintend these Oyster Beds as those resident on the spot and immediately interested therein.

Your Petitioners therefore respectfully pray that your Honorable House will cause the management of these Oyster Beds to be vested in the Municipal Council of Spring Bay.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Charles Meredith.
Stephens and Grueber.
William Butler.
John Cotton.
Edward O. Cotton.
Thomas Stapleton.
George Rudd.
Michael Patton.
John Felmingham.
J. Edwards.
W. W. Hatton.
James Staples.
John Rudd.
F. D. Lord.
F. Aubin.
W. Hayton.

C. Feiherston.
John Castle.
Petre T. De Bomford.
John Radford.
A. G. Olding.
Charles Dobson.
John Turvey.
J. Franklin.
George Gulley.
James Gregson.
John Gatehouse.
Robert Blackmore.
W. Olding.
M. Vicary.
H. F. Vicary.

H. D. Maclaine.
John Maclaine.
A. Ferguson.
William Arnold.
James Claridge.
William Burgess.
William Finch.
S. Murphy.
Solomon Green.
B. Garity.
J. C. Turvey.
Daniel Cuttiford.
Henry Adbard.
H. Fletcher.
Francis Cotton.