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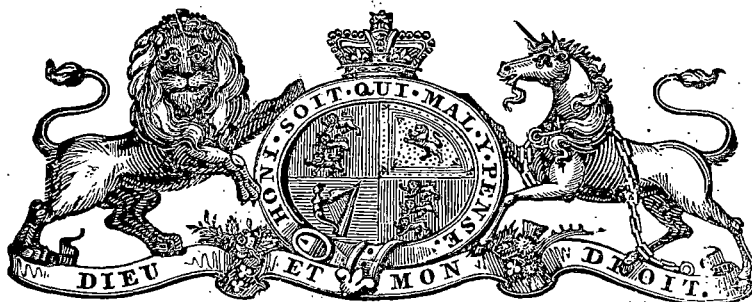
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TASMANIA.

PETITION

FROM LONGFORD AGAINST THE NEW MASTER AND
SERVANTS BILL.

Presented by Mr. Weston, and ordered by the Council to be printed, 28 January,
1858.



To the Honourable the Legislative Council of Tasmania.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Landholders, Householders, Mechanics, and Labourers, &c. residing in the District of Longford.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT whereas a Masters and Servants Act shortly to be brought under the consideration of your Honourable House is, in the opinion of your Petitioners, calculated to operate unjustly on employers and employed, and prove detrimental to the best interests of both parties, by diminishing that confidence that ought to exist in such a close relationship, and eventually preventing the formation of engagements.

We therefore humbly solicit your Honourable House to take into favourable consideration the Resolutions adopted at a Meeting held at Longford on the 8th day of December, 1857, copy of which we transmit at the foot of this our humble Petition.

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

PROCEEDINGS of a Meeting held at the *Blenheim Hotel*, this 8th day of December, in pursuance of a Requisition calling the same for the purpose of considering the advisability of addressing the Legislative Council on the subject of the proposed Master and Servants Act.

Charles Arthur, Esquire, was called to the Chair.

Proposed by Mr. William Archer—"That the proposed Master and Servants Act introduced during the present Session of Parliament is unjust to the employers of labour, especially in the Country Districts, injurious to their interests, and altogether inapplicable to the circumstances of the Colony." Seconded by Joseph Penny, Esquire. Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Thomas Walker—"That the sole punishment for any misconduct on the part of Servants, according to the new Act, being a trifling pecuniary penalty, and that rendered by certain restrictions almost impossible to be inflicted, would render the Act inoperative as a protection to employers, and would give the Servant perfect impunity in misconduct however gross." Seconded by Mr. Francis Allison. Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Edward Archer—"That the spirit of the above Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Legislative Council; and that the Honourable W. P. Weston, Esquire, be requested to present the same, and support the prayer thereof. Seconded by Mr. David Ritchie." Carried.

CHARLES ARTHUR, *Chairman.*

Henry Clayton
 Jos. Penny
 John Edwards, Bishopsbourne, landholder
 A. Murray, ditto, householder
 Thos. Jones, ditto, ditto
 Jas. Saltmarsh, Longford, landholder
 George Richards, ditto, householder
 William Wyndham Barton, ditto
 Geo. Hudson, ditto
 J. Douglas Hatton, Longford, householder
 Samuel Barnard, ditto, ditto

William Wright, Longford, landowner
 Isaiah Briggs, ditto, householder
 D Solomon, ditto, landholder
 Thomas Brooks, landholder
 John Martin, ditto
 Simeon Foster, Longford, householder
 Hy. Jacob Hooky, ditto, ditto
 Israel Pickard, ditto landholder
 James Usher, ditto, householder
 Thomas Tucker, ditto, landowner
 Thomas Humphreys, cabinetmaker

- C. Brumby, Longford
 John Hortle, wheelwright, ditto
 Richard Groves, tailor
 Fred. F. Whitfield, Longford
 William Pearmain
 Benjamin Pickard
 William Edwards, bootmaker, Longford
 P. Jacob, miller, ditto
 W. Gaylor, butcher, ditto
 Samuel Winch, storekeeper, ditto
 Robert Smith, butcher
 William Morrissy
 F. B. Watson
 H. B. Nickolls, shopkeeper
 J. E. Donlevy, M.D.
 James C. Houghton, storekeeper
 Alexander Richards, painter, &c.
 James Mills, baker
 George Drummond, painter
 William Vale
 William Lee, farmer, Creek Side
 Mansfield Brumby, ditto, Kinburne
 John Miller, ditto, Woodbourne
 Harry Gent, wheelwright, Creek Side
 William Lee, Jun., farmer, Woodbourne
 Samuel Lee, ditto, ditto
 William Sturges, ditto, ditto
 Richard Willcox, butcher, Cressy
 Wm. Sturges, Junr, farmer, Woodburn
 George Arndell, ditto, Woodburn Run
 George Lee, ditto, Cherry-tree Hill
 Emanuel E. Hunter, ditto, Cressy
 Saml. Wright, ditto, ditto
 Thomas Martin, ditto, ditto
 William Dent, ditto, ditto
 Chas. Jenkins, ditto, ditto
 Chas. Allen, ditto, ditto
 Francis Burton, ditto, ditto
 John Crouch, butcher, Cressy
 Robt. M'Naught, Longford
 Isaac Goody, farmer, Eastfield
 William Saggars, ditto, Wattle Rise
 John Brumby, ditto, Glenburnie
 Chas. Chilcott, Junr., ditto, Green Rises
 William Brumby, ditto, Glenburnie
 C. W. Burr, ditto, Cressy
 John Gatenby
 M. A. Gatenby
 Edith Gatenby
 Edward Horton
 George Jones
 Arthur O'Connor, J.P.
 Harry Hewitt
 William Smithwick
 Anna Maria Hardy
 Mary Ann O'Connor
 S. G. Parker, J.P.
 A. Barker
 Tasman Parker
 Thomas Parker
 Cash. Parker
 E. J. Fletcher
- F. T. Fletcher
 R. H. M'Donald
 Edwin Rowning
 T. Walker, J.P.
 F. T. Walker
 Peter Miller
 T. Hill
 T. Benneworth
 Robert Taylor
 William Wright
 Wm. Wilson
 James Scott
 Wm. Walker
 John Lyons
 John Flanagan
 Richard Chaffey
 Frank Allison, J.P.
 Martin Hayes
 Sarah Hayes
 Geo. H. G. Fletcher
 Francis Smith
 Jas. Smith, Junior
 Martha Fletcher
 Thomas Brockley
 Ed. Strain
 Rose Mary Fletcher
 Hamlet Fletcher
 Arthur Corney
 William Smith
 Mary Smith
 Melmoth Fletcher
 Denton S. Fletcher
 Wm. Archer, J.P.
 John Cornelius
 J. D. Toosey
 J. B. Gardiner
 William Stone
 Charles Johnson
 James Potter
 Martin Devanny
 Samuel Tongs
 Thos. Flanagan, Moulton
 Thos. Wright
 Wm. Cullen
 John Wright
 R. J. Archer
 W. Wilson, Jun.
 Thomas Hortle
 James Allen
 Isaac Noake, brewer, Longford
 Wm. Dodery, farmer, ditto
 Robert Hawkins, blacksmith, ditto
 James Green, farmer
 Jos. Bunson, farmer, Longford
 David Ritchie, Longford
 Charles Bricknell
 Robert D. Harris
 C. Simpson
 Thos. Jones
 Thomas Griffiths
 Thos. Barlett.