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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

LAUNCESTON WATER AND LIGHT BILL, 1894,
[No. 19]:

PETITION FOR AMENDMENT.

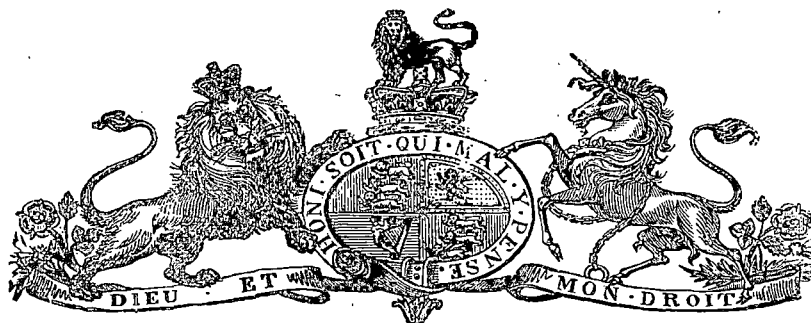
(*Mr. Hart, July 19, 1894.*)

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ERRATUM.

In line 15, *for* “benevolent society” *read* “benevolent asylum.



Town Hall, Launceston, Tasmania, 18th July, 1894.

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

The humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Launceston,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT the Citizens of Launceston at very considerable expense have perfected a System of Water Supply to the residents of the City and its Suburbs.

That to do this the Citizens mortgaged their properties to the extent of £70,000.

That the Water at the disposal of the Citizens is an article of commerce, giving full value to the purchaser.

That ever since the establishment of the Water System the Government have been purchasers for the use of all institutions under their control.

That the Honorable the House of Assembly inserted in the Water and Light Bill now before your Honorable House a Clause compelling the Municipal Council of Launceston to supply water free of charge to any hospital, benevolent society, or other building used solely for charitable purposes.

That your Petitioners respectfully submit that the result of the insertion of such Clause is an inequitable, if not illegal, confiscation of the property of the Citizens of Launceston.

That such appropriation for Government purposes of the property of a Corporation is unprecedented, contrary to public policy, and calculated to create a doubt as to the stability of the title to any property held by corporative bodies or private persons.

Your Petitioners pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to eliminate the Clause in question from the Bill.

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

The Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens
of the City of Launceston hereunto affixed, in the
presence of

(Seal.)

ROBERT H. PRICE, *Mayor.*

C. W. ROCHER, *Town Clerk.*