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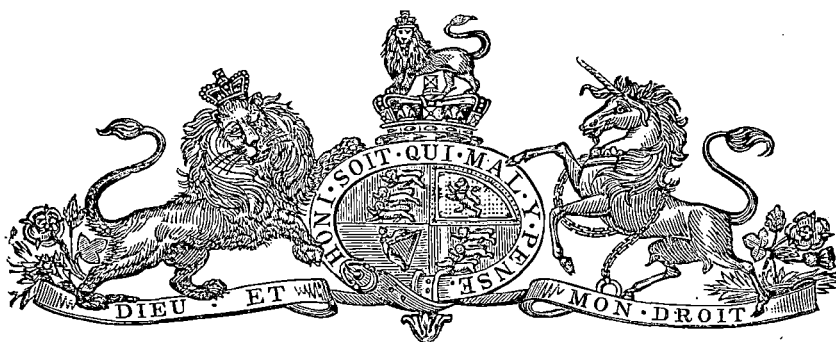
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

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

PETITION AGAINST.

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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers of the City of Launceston and of the
Suburbs thereof,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

That a Bill has been introduced into your Honorable House by the Launceston Municipal Council, entitled "A Bill to make better provision for the Supply of Water and Light to the City of Launceston and other Places."

That Section 35 of "The Launceston Water Act," 41 Vict. No. 22, provides that the Council shall so regulate the Water Rate and charges that they shall be as near as may be sufficient to pay interest on moneys borrowed, cost of management and Sinking Fund of 1 per cent. on the amount borrowed, but if in any one year the amount received is more than sufficient, the Council is required, whenever practicable, to make a proportionate reduction in the rates and charges.

That Section 34 of "The Launceston Electric Light Act," 51 Vict. No. 43, provides that no occupiers or owners shall be liable to the payment of a Lighting Rate in a greater proportion than according to one-fourth part only of the rate which the Council is empowered to levy by Sections 32 and 33 of the said Act, unless their premises are actually supplied with electricity or electric light by the Council, at the request of such occupiers or owners.

That your Petitioners respectfully submit that the said 35th Section of "The Launceston Water Act," 41 Vict. No. 22, should never be repealed, and that any alteration to the existing laws relating to the supply of water from St. Patrick's River is both unnecessary and undesirable.

That your Petitioners desire to protest against the injustice of being compelled to pay any greater proportion of the Lighting Rate than was agreed to when the poll of the ratepayers was taken, in accordance with the 25th Section of "The Launceston Electric Light Act," 51 Vict. No. 43.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honourable House not to give your sanction to the said Bill, entitled "A Bill to make better provision for the supply of Water and Light to the City of Launceston and other Places."

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

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