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LICENSED HOUSES.

PETITION FROM WESLEYANS.

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Presented by Mr. Keach, September 20, 1870, and ordered by the House to be printed.



*To the Honorable the House of Assembly.*

The Petition of the undersigned Members of the Wesleyan Congregations assembling in the District of Campbell Town.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT the Justices of the Peace in Tasmania have continued granting Certificates for Licensed Houses until there is one Public-house to every ninety-five adult males, and until the number of such houses almost equals the combined number of schools under the Board of Education and places of public worship.

That, in the opinion of your Petitioners, much of the crime and pauperism which burden this country, and are a blot on its character, are attributable to the temptations to drunkenness which are afforded by such an excessive number of Public-houses.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House, that in any Bill which it passes with a view to amend the Licensing Law there may be a clause inserted to prevent the further increase of such houses, by withdrawing from the Justices the power of granting any new Licences.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 51 Signatures.]