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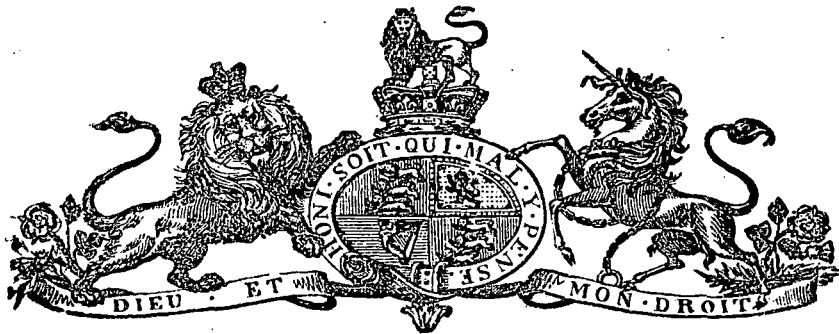
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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Presented by Mr. Crowther, and ordered by the Council to be printed, October 12,
1870.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Contractors and Employers of Labour, being also
Licensed Victuallers.

MOST HUMBLY AND RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have seen with deep regret that an Act, intituled "The Amended
Licensing Act, No. 4," has passed the House of Assembly, wherein in Clause No. 2 of the said
Act it makes it penal for any master or employer, whether the holder of a public-house licence or
not, to pay or cause to be paid any of his servants, except domestic servants, at or in any public-
house.

That your Petitioners being licensed victuallers and also contractors and employers of labour
are by this Act deprived of the same privileges as private contractors, who use their places of
residence as offices for such payments.

That your Petitioners have frequently several contracts in existence at the same time, some
of which are many miles apart, thus rendering it impossible for the contractor or employer to be
in attendance to pay the workmen at the several quarries, roads, bridges, &c., as would seem to be
contemplated by the said Act.

That your Petitioners have been in the habit of making payments in the evening at their own
houses on account of work done during the day or days to such of their workmen as are most
necessitous—in many instances as often as four or five times a week—to enable them to purchase
provisions for their families, as they may be perfect strangers in the town or place where they are
employed; such advances or payments on account being considered wages, they would thus render
themselves amenable to the Law should any of their disaffected servants see fit to inform; and three
convictions would jeopardize their Licence.

Your Petitioners would therefore humbly and earnestly beg your Honorable House that you
will cause to be made such an alteration or amendment in Clause No. 2 of the said Act as will
enable licensed victuallers to use their own homes as offices for the payment of their own workmen
as heretofore.

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

[Here follow 15 Signatures.]