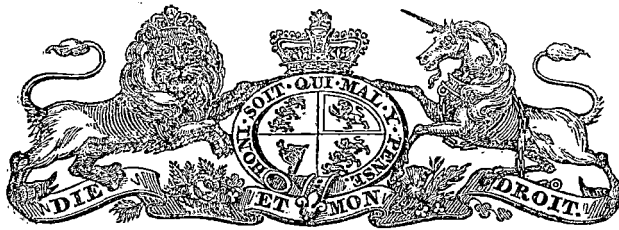


(No. 12.)



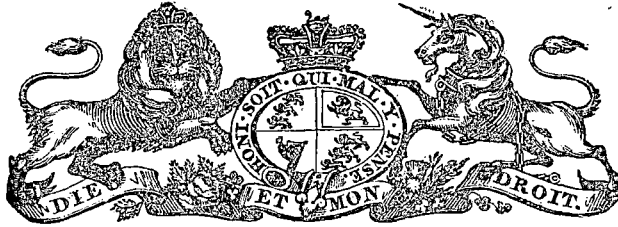
1857.

T A S M A N I A.

P E T I T I O N

OF THE PAWNBROKERS OF HOBART TOWN AND LAUNCESTON TO
THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY IN RESPECT OF THE BILL TO
REGULATE THE BUSINESS OF PAWNBROKERS.

Presented by Mr. Dunn, and ordered by the House to be printed, 28 October, 1857.



To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Pawnbrokers of Hobart Town and Launceston, in Tasmania.

SHOWETH :

THAT a Bill is depending before your Honourable House to regulate the business of Pawnbrokers.

That your Petitioners humbly submit to your Honourable House, that several of the provisions contained in the Bill are of an objectionable character, not only with respect to the persons carrying on that business, but also with respect to the persons with whom it is carried on, and are calculated to be unnecessarily injurious to your Petitioners.

That, in particular, it is proposed by the 24th Section of the Bill that a Notice of the sale of all forfeited articles, containing a catalogue of the articles to be sold, with the names of the persons respectively by whom they were pledged, should be inserted in a Newspaper. Your Petitioners humbly submit that this would occasion an unnecessary and vexatious expense with respect to Articles pawned for a less sum each than ten shillings; and that, with respect to Articles pawned for that sum and upwards, it is unnecessary that the names of the persons by whom they were pawned should be inserted in the advertisement.

That by the 30th Section of the Bill it is proposed, on ground of suspicion being shown before a Justice of the Peace that any Article has been taken in pawn without the authority of the owner, the Justice may grant his warrant to enter and search the house of the Pawnbroker. Your Petitioners humbly submit that, as, in the case supposed, the Pawnbroker would ordinarily have had no reason to suspect any want of authority to pawn the article, and would therefore have acted quite innocently, he ought not to be subjected to the proceeding referred to until after the article sought has been demanded of him, with a proper description of it.

That as by the Bill an annual Licence Fee of Twenty Pounds is to be imposed on each Pawnbroker carrying on business in Hobart Town and Launceston, and by the 38th Section the provisions of the Bill are declared to extend to executors and administrators of every deceased Pawnbroker, your Petitioners submit that on the decease of a Pawnbroker his executors or administrators should be at liberty to carry on his business under the Licence granted to him for the remainder of the term for which it was granted.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the several objections to the Bill as now drawn, which your Petitioners have here pointed out, may be taken into consideration, and that the Bill may be altered accordingly by your Honourable House.

And your Petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

For Hobart Town.

Isaac Friedman
Joseph Rozen
E. Sims.
J. E. Bonney
Mark Nathan
S. W. Roberts

For Launceston.

Thomas Leary
John C. Israel
James Matthews