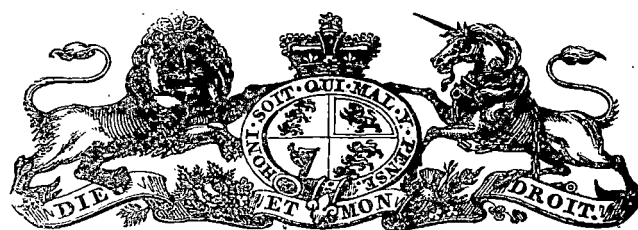


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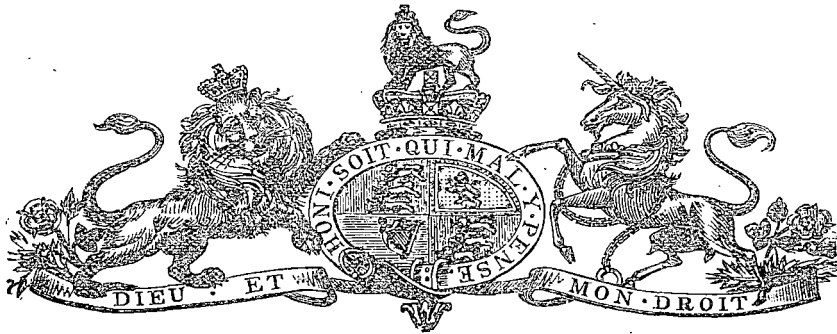
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

LOTTERIES AMENDMENT BILL, 1891, [No. 3] :

PETITION.

(Mr. Page, August 26, 1891.)

Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Citizens of Hobart and others interested in Horse-racing
in this Colony,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

That a short Bill recently introduced in your Honourable House, "to amend the Lotteries Act of 1878," intended, under certain conditions, to legalise "the Instrument known as the Totalisator," to be used only on Public Race-courses and Regatta Grounds, and limiting the number of such instruments to one to be used in the said places.

That your Petitioners, the great majority of whom are frequenters at the public races at Elwick, find that one Totalisator is quite inadequate there for the purposes designed, and consequently compels many of the visitors to resort to the less satisfactory operations of the Bookmakers.

That your Petitioners also find that many of the citizens and others who favour Horse-racing, but who, from various causes, do not and cannot attend the Meetings, yet nevertheless help to support them, and who undoubtedly would avail themselves of the acknowledged fairness of the Totalisator if permitted to be used within their reach : especially would it tend to influence many of those to confine their operations within this Colony who are now sending away considerable sums to be invested in sporting affairs in the neighbouring Colonies.

Your Petitioners, therefore, respectfully pray that your Honourable House, in dealing with the Bill in question, will, in your wisdom, render it lawful to use more than one Totalisator at the principal race meetings in the Colony ; and also render it lawful for anyone of good repute, being the owner or occupier of suitable premises in the Cities of Hobart and Launceston, to use the Totalisator, subject to the approval of the Attorney-General of the Colony, and to such limitations and conditions as may be in the matter considered advisable, including licensing, if deemed expedient.

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

[Here follow 1007 signatures.]

Hobart, 18th July, 1891.