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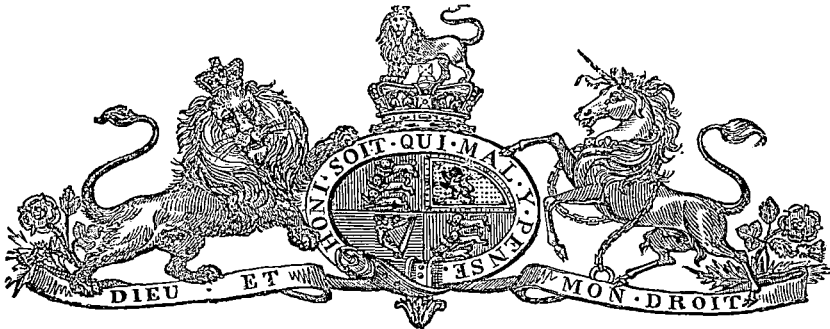
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MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL.

PETITION.

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Presented by Mr. Wedge, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
6 September, 1860.



*To the Honourable the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Bishop of Tasmania and the undersigned Clergymen.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners regard with serious misgiving certain Sections of the "Matrimonial Causes Bill," now before your Honorable House ; more especially in that it provides means whereby, the Marriage bond being in certain cases dissolved, power may be given to persons divorced for Adultery to contract new Marriages.

That, while your Petitioners are not unmindful that there is Divine authority for permitting a separation between Husband and Wife on the ground of Adultery, yet neither can they forget the distinct declaration of the same authority, that "Whosoever marrieth her that is put away committeth adultery." They believe that no human legislation can safely set aside this declaration of the Gospel of Christ.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honorable House will refuse to enact any law, under the sanction of which a person guilty of Adultery, and divorced in consequence of such guilt, shall be permitted to contract Marriage.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

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