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PETITION, No. 2.

HOBART TOWN CORPORATION ACT.-CLAUSE No. 100.

Presented by Mr. Horne, and ordered by the House to be printed, 26 February, 1863.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Freeholders and Ratepayers of, and residing in, the City of Hobart Town, in Tasmania.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are incorporated Citizens of the City of Hobart Town.

That, under and by virtue of an Act of the Governor and Parliament of Tasmania (the 21st Vict. No. 14), and initialed "The Hobart Corporation Act," it is enacted "that, with respect to monthly and weekly tenants, the owner and owners of property shall be wholly responsible for the rates and assessments on occupied property."

That your Petitioners respectfully submit that the 100th Clause of the Act as aforesaid presses with unusual severity on your Petitioners, inasmuch as the tenantry enjoy the privileges of the City in common with your Petitioners, while your Petitioners are liable and have to pay the cost thereof.

That your Petitioners would bring under the notice of your Honorable House that an Act was passed, and is now in operation, whereby the Inhabitants of the Town of Launceston are severally, as occupiers of property (whether freeholders or otherwise), called upon, according to the assessment of the property so occupied, to contribute the revenue of the said Town.

That your Petitioners further submit that, in many instances, the tenants are in preferable circumstances, and more capable of defraying the amount of assessment on their occupied property than your Petitioners.

That your Petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House will take the matter into your serious consideration, in order to repeal the 100th Clause of "The Hobart Town Corporation Act."

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 215 Signatures.]

JAMES BARNARD, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, TÉSMANIA.