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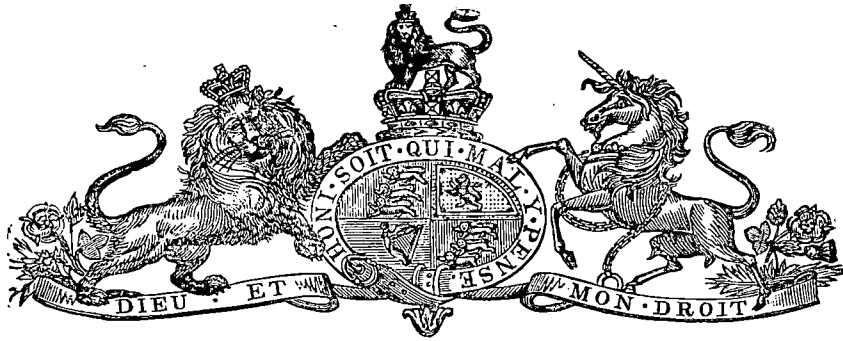
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

LICENSING BILL, 1889:

PETITION OF MR. JOHN MACFARLANE.

(*Mr. Fysh, October 1, 1889.*)

Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed.



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

The humble Petition of Inhabitants of Hobart, in Public Meeting assembled,

SHOWETH :

THAT, at a large meeting held in the Mechanics' Hall, Hobart, on Thursday, the 19th September, 1889, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted ; viz. :—

1. That, inasmuch as the ancient and avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is to supply or meet a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, it would therefore be an act of justice to allow those most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, whenever they desire to do so, to determine by means of a vote by ballot whether they require licensed houses in their neighbourhood or not.

2. That the granting of increased facilities for the sale of intoxicating liquor as a natural consequence must produce increased intemperance, and that, as the hours of labour have been considerably lessened of late years, it is unnecessary to extend the time for the sale of such liquors any further than at present.

3. That the law regulating the sale of strong drink could be as readily enforced as any other law if the Authorities would display the same desire and adopt the same measures as they do in carrying out legislative restrictions affecting the community in other respects.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honorable Council to embody in the Licensing Bill now before your Honorable Council such provisions as will carry out the above Resolutions.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Signed, at the request and on behalf of the Public Meeting,

JOHN MACFARLANE, *Chairman of the Meeting.*