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**PETITION AGAINST ADDITIONAL TAXATION**

**FROM THE DISTRICTS OF FRANKLIN AND KINGBOROUGH.**

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*To the Honourable the Members of the House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned Residents of the Districts of Franklin and Kingborough.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT, in proportion to the population and their available resources, no people within the realms of the British Empire are so heavily taxed for the purposes of Government as those of Tasmania.

That the ordinary Annual Expenditure of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, including twenty-eight millions (£28,000,000) sterling of interest upon the National Debt, and the entire amount for all general and local assessments, appears from the most authentic sources to be sixty-nine millions (£69,000,000) sterling; which, raised among a people numbering twenty-eight millions (28,000,000), possessed of unrivalled agricultural, commercial, manufacturing, and mining resources, does not amount to two pounds ten shillings (£2 10s.) per head, whereas the seventy thousand (70,000) Inhabitants of this Colony, with scarcely any other resources but such as are supplied by a very limited portion of the soil, are rated, for the purposes of Government, at five pounds (£5) per head.

That, considering the extent to which the vast agricultural resources of the neighbouring Colonies have been recently developed,—the influence that development, rapidly increasing as it is, is certain to exercise upon the agricultural interests of Tasmania,—your Petitioners cannot view without alarm the attempt to increase, by taxing the necessaries of life, the expenses of cultivating a soil like theirs, which Nature has beset with many obstacles from which the rich arable prairies of Adelaide and Victoria are free.

That the proposed scheme of Taxation, if adopted, would increase the universally prevailing disposition of the industrious Labourers and Settlers to emigrate to the adjoining Colonies, where a much smaller proportion of their earnings would be exacted for the support of the State,—where the rewards of industry would be more certain, and where a far less expenditure of time, labour, and capital are required for the cultivation of the soil.

That to a retrenchment of the extravagant expenditure of the Government your Petitioners look for relief from the oppressive burthen of Taxation, against which the energies and industry of the Colonists are unable to contend; and, while fully alive to the necessity of upholding the credit of the Country, they believe that, considering the present depressed condition of every leading interest, the rapidly increasing distress of the Agricultural and other Settlers, as well as the growing anxiety of the industrious classes to emigrate, that the only means of upholding public credit is to reduce the Expenditure within the Revenue, and to avoid imposing new Taxes to meet the demands of an expenditure entirely disproportioned to the number and resources of the people.

That a Tax upon the importation of Cattle and Sheep is peculiarly objectionable to your Petitioners, a great portion of whom are dependent on the neighbouring Colonies for a market for their timber; for they cannot avoid foreseeing that retaliatory measures, affecting the staple export of the District, will be taken by the Parliaments and Governments of those Colonies interested in the export of Cattle and Sheep to Tasmania.

That, impressed with a belief that the system of Taxation as proposed by the Ministry is not only opposed to all the recognized principles of taxation, but calculated to

aggravate the public distress, and finally to destroy public Credit, your Petitioners therefore pray your Honourable House to withhold its sanction from any scheme proposed with a view of increasing the existing Taxes, until it is first ascertained whether or not it is possible, without detriment to the "Public Service," to reduce the expenditure within the revenue.

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

Richard Chick	George Thomas	Thomas Philp
William Montgomerie	William Cowmeadow	George Eddes
Frederick Grattidge	Thomas Pettet	Joseph Yurner
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Ernest Scott	William Tanner	William Granger
J. Clark	William Allen	Henry Browne
Job Stanton	Patrick Kenney	William Smith
James Chitty	Edward Stringer	John Thorne
George White	Richard Harris, × his mark	Thomas Cheesman
Thomas Spooner	John Bolton	John Henebery
Thomas Inches	Andrew Lumsden	Elijah Brown
Frederick Harrison	John Hay, senior	N. D'Orsay
O. Goor	James Bradley	John Fisher.
William Barnett	William Poole	John Sanders
Christopher O'Rielly	John Hay, junior	James Sanders
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George Lloyd	John Jolly, junior	Charles Dwyer
Mr. L. Dawson, Surgeon	James Skater	Thomas Wall
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A. G. Pogue	James Kennedy	Robert Woollens
Charles Dwyer	Edward Kennedy	John Ward
Michael Scanlan	Abraham Kennedy	John Connolly
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John Berry	John Hudson	Charles Slaughter
James Griggs	James Faulkner	John Price
John Brown	John Backway	H. Edwards
Henry Chesterman, Franklin	Henry Faulkner	G. Burse
Joseph Page, ditto	Philip Markham	Richard Parks
Charles Brown, ditto	Samuel Ross	William Bilyard
Matthew Oldham, his × mark,	John Ekin	John Fegan
ditto	John Carr	Thomas Madden
Alexander Moncreif, ditto	F. H. Grattidge	John Vincent
William Fielding, his ×	Robert Brown	William Samson
mark, ditto	Joshua Johnson	James Bedford
John Thompson, ditto.	Thomas Hulwett	Thomas Pearce
George Broadbent, ditto	Robert Watson	John Perry
Martin Cupit, ditto	Philip Ballantyne	Peter Larkin
Henry Fowler, ditto	Robert Ballantyne	James Conner
William Houghton, his ×	John Thompson	Peter Fereney
mark, ditto	Joseph Jackson	Patrick Kilmartin
James Bradley, ditto.	Thomas Seton	John Cleaves
John Rathlone	John M'Kenzie	Richard Smith
George Gray.	Patrick Walch	William Huges
James Littlejohn	James Freeman	George White
Daniel Messenger	Edward Dowling	David Roberts
Daniel Farrell	John Staunton	John Mackay
John Billingsbey	John Thorpe, junior	James Williams
Andreas Schmits	Henry Johnson	John Whitehouse
Henry Raffle, his × mark	James Hartley	James Sparks
Robert Bell, his × mark	Harry Cox	Joseph Whilks
James Thorpe	William Sheen	Isaac Geeves
James Chick	John Laythorp	William Gay
Coape Smith	Robert Maxwell	William Geeves
William C. Knight	John Austin	Stephen Geeves
Samuel Holmes, his × mark	James Brazendele	William Geeves
H. Busch	Benjamin Dent	James Risby
Samuel Saunder	T. Ross	Frederick Sharp
T. Helmer	Henry Creasey	Henry Sharp
David Padler	Wilson Robinson	William Hammond

Joseph Turner	Eugene Sullivan	Robert Wells
John Geeves	Samuel Elliott	Frederick Sharp
William Geeves	William Pickford	William Guy
Thomas Geeves	John Ekin	Isaac Geeves
John Geeves	William White	John Wm. Weamell
Robert Brickliff	John Connelly	David Boyce
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Henry Ford	John Pearce	James Bell
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James Ford	John Loyd	John Marsh, his × mark
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Robert Thorp	William Hanley	George Gibbs
Charles Watson	William Dixon	John Grant
Thomas Wallington	Benjamin Wildey	Michael M'Namara
Thomas Wallington, junior	George Gergison	John Fox
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Edmund Woodward	John Sullivan	Timothy Dillon
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John Wall	Thomas Rowlin	John Hamptish
Joseph Bakers	David Wright, his × mark	John Collins, his × mark
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John Willett	Thomas Harding, his × mark	Edward Dwire, his × mark
William Thomas Randall	George Strong	John Green
Joseph Holland, his x mark	Frederick Hagan, his × mark	John Woolley
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Isaac Brown	Thomas Emmet, his × mark	mark
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John Clark.	William Pattison	James Cunningham, his × mark
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John Collins	Thomas Jeeves	Benjamin Wilde
Robert Elliott	William Geeves	William Henry Williams
William Cook	John Geeves	John Waller Kellaway
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 John Riseley  
 Andrew Thompson  
 John Grant  
 John Dwyer  
 Michael Higgins  
 Jones Fitzpatrick  
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 William Summers  
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 William Walton, junior  
 Wm. Newbon, his × mark  
 George Bennett  
 A. R. Bowcher  
 Robert Kenney, his × mark  
 Thomas Walton  
 John Walton  
 George Langbridge  
 James Harris  
 Thomas Dawes  
 Joseph Wilson  
 F. Boyes  
 William Walker  
 George Cue, his × mark  
 Charles Jones, his × mark  
 M. Smith  
 James Clarke, his × mark.