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PETITION

FROM BRIGHTON .- MASTERS AND SERVANTS LAW.

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

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the District of Brighton, at a Public Meeting assembled.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners view with considerable alarm the new proposed Bill relating to Masters and Servants as likely to be injurious both to employer and employed, and strongly opposed to every principle of fairness and equity.

That your Petitioners further believe this Bill is likely to prove a bane rather than a benefit to the labouring classes; who, relieved from wholesome restraint, would become dissatisfied, insubordinate, and utterly careless of their own or their Masters' interests.

That the attachment of the Servants future wages, under the twenty-second Clause of the proposed Act, would be futile as a measure of justice to the Master; and if practically carried out, would drive the Servant from employer to employer, until ultimately driven an outcast from our shores.

Your Petitioners would therefore beg your Honourable House to refuse your assent to the proposed Bill.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

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