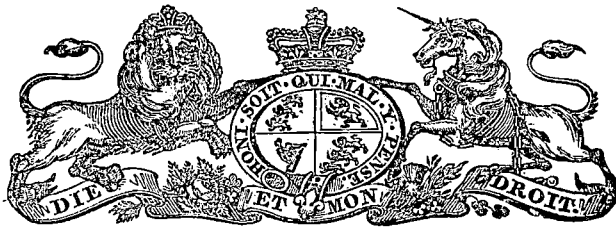


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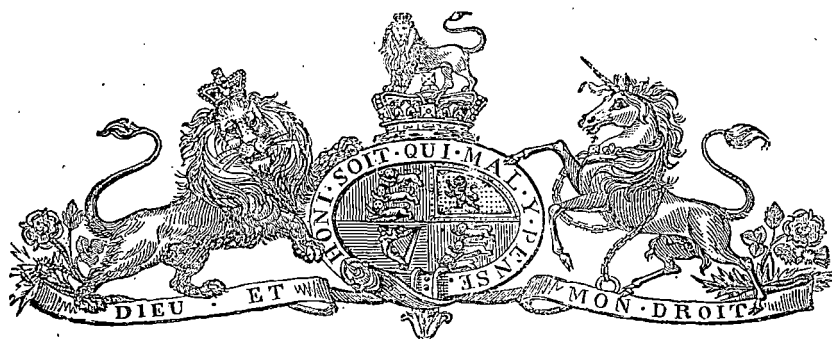
1857.

T A S M A N I A.

P E T I T I O N.

FROM THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AND OTHER INHABITANTS OF LAUNCESTON FOR RETAINING THE PRESENT MODE OF VOTING BY BALLOT.

Presented by Mr. Crookes, and ordered by the House to be printed, 18 December, 1857.



To the Honourable the House of Assembly in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen and other Inhabitants of the Town of Launceston.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Election of Members of the Parliament of Tasmania," has been recently presented for the approval of your Honorable House, providing, amongst other things, a new mode of voting at Elections for Members of Parliament.

That it is provided that each Elector's name and Ballot-paper are to be marked with corresponding numbers.

That such a mode of voting would destroy the great principle of the Ballot system, inasmuch as every man's vote could readily be ascertained.

That Petitioners have viewed with great satisfaction the operation of the Vote by Ballot at Elections, and would deeply regret any legislation which would render less secret the record of the Elector's vote.

That the mode of voting proposed will afford no new facility for the discovery of frauds, which, it has been publicly alleged, have been perpetrated under the present system.

That Vote by Ballot is very generally approved by Electors; and that the legalising such a plan as that proposed to your Honorable House will have the effect of preventing the exercise of the franchise in many cases.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that, in any amendment of the Electoral Act for this Island, your Honorable House will retain the present mode of voting by Ballot.

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

Francis Evans, Alderman.	Robt. Price.	H. W. Taylor.
Joseph Cohen, Alderman.	Wm. Champion.	J. Meyers.
James Henry.	G. H. Luckhurst.	John Nicklin Merry.
Timothy Dynan.	T. Powell.	A. H. Kennedy.
David White.	Wm. Duncan.	J. H. Greville.
Thos. Frost.	Robt. J. Jamieson.	Alexander Thomson.
John Boxall.	P. W. Tavish.	William Bunster.
Chas. Skarrey.	Jno. G. Kerr.	G. Scott.
John Lowden.	William Hart.	W. Reid.
Chas. Bert.	Geo. Baker.	John Browne.
J. G. Upton.	Edw. D. Edwards.	William Waters.
Wm. Willies.	Wm. Atkins.	William Sharp.
Robert Harris.	R. P. Dix.	J. G. Jennings.
Horace Laws.	Henry Dowling, Mayor.	John Burrow Turner.
Theodore B. Bartley.	John Fawns, Alderman.	Henry Hutton Downward.
John Sheridan.	W. H. Clayton, Alderman.	John Winduss.
Jno. Tozer.	C. J. Weedon.	John B. Gleadow.

Geo. Lukin.
 James Davies.
 Ed. Brooks.
 Geo. Stewart.
 Chas. Hunt.
 Alf. Johnson.
 Geo. Boothroyd.
 E. P. Tregurtha.
 E. Edwards.
 W. Woods.
 G. B. B. Elliott.
 Joseph Browne.
 J. E. Blount.
 G. Houlder.
 William Norman.
 J. W. Brand.
 Thomas T. Osborne.
 Henry Butler Dowie.
 William Robert Woodgate.
 Alfred Locke.
 Geo. Illman, Junior.
 Thomas Price.
 James Roberts.
 John Holland Webster.
 Alex. Logan.
 John Gibson.
 Charles Price, Independent
 Minister.
 Chas. S. J. Price.
 William M'Andel.
 William Job Harris.
 A. M. Milligan.
 Henry Coombes.
 J. Windeatt.
 James Lindsay, Minister.
 D. Wilkins.
 Joseph Dell.
 Thomas Dell.
 Wm. Beecroft.
 Isaiah Morris.
 G. Lawrence.
 Geo. Smith.
 Jno. Waldron.
 S. B. Waldron.
 J. Grant.
 W. Johnson, Senior.
 C. Leer.
 Thomas Ridge.

Alex. Webster.
 Geo. Avery.
 W. S. Bonner.
 Stephens & Kenworthy.
 T. H. De Dassel.
 Chas. Harris.
 Sam. M'Kee.
 Lewis Cohen.
 Thos. Hughes.
 George Butterworth.
 George Kirwood.
 Wm. Chester.
 John Farrell.
 W. D. Parr.
 Jonathan Ives.
 John Blann.
 John Quin.
 C. Grant.
 F. W. Stanton.
 H. Bellett.
 Thomas Butterworth.
 Chas. Thomson.
 Henry Quine.
 Geo. Maughan.
 James Baird.
 F. A. Spotswood.
 C. Cowle.
 W. Smeeton Allanby.
 W. H. Westbrook.
 Geo. Dixon.
 Isaac Sherwin.
 Edward Allen, Surveyor.
 Jno. Alx. Winkfield.
 William Bryant.
 James Fish.
 Alex. Duthie.
 Jno. Sinclair.
 Jas. Brand.
 W. O. Minshen.
 Charles Rout.
 Jas. Jno. Hudson.
 Matt. Tyson.
 James Galvin.
 Chas. B. Morrow.
 R. D. M'Eacharn *pro* N.
 M'Eacharn.
 W. Henniker.
 John Porter.

Richard Clerks.
 W. Ridley.
 Thomas Hayward.
 J. W. Gleadow.
 Wm. Dawson.
 George Atkinson.
 F. J. Manton.
 E. G. Parker.
 Wm. Brean.
 Shepherd Ridley.
 M. A. Garrett.
 Thomas F. Probin.
 James Pollock.
 A. L. Legg.
 F. Riva.
 Thomas Traynor.
 Jno. Dunning.
 R. G. Poole.
 J. Hood Smith.
 Thos. H. Flexmore.
 John Illman.
 George Adams.
 Joseph Hunt.
 C. Spotswood.
 Robt. Wm. Browne.
 Geo. M. Eddie.
 James Bain *pro* Bruce R.
 Harvey.
 C. Roberts.
 Rollo S. Cape.
 Samuel Croft.
 Henry Heald.
 W. M. Leakin.
 Henry Crocker, Senior.
 H. Crocker.
 S. D. C. Crocker.
 John Lockett.
 John Harvey.
 John Hall.
 P. Bennett.
 J. M. Nelson.
 W. & A. Ash.
 Thos. Clarke.
 Walter Hopwood.
 Richard Bonner.
 D. Murray.