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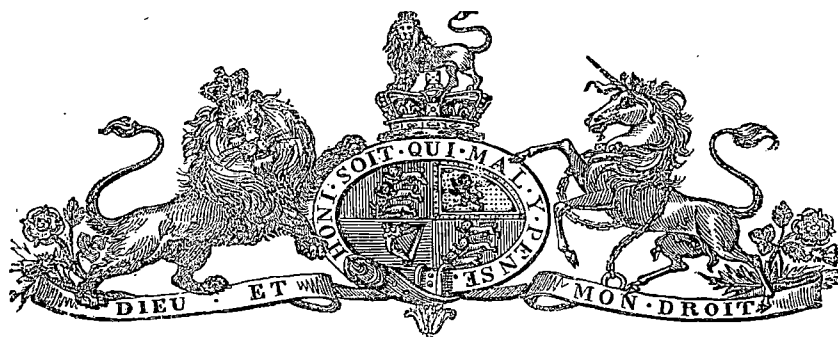
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**MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL.**

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Presented by Mr. Wilson, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
6 September, 1860.



*To the Honourable the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.*

The respectful Petition of the Catholic Bishop of Hobart Town and undersigned Catholic Clergymen.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have heard that a Bill has been, or will be, laid before your Honourable House, intituled "A Bill to vest in the Supreme Court Jurisdiction in respect of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes."

That Petitioners, in common with all Her Majesty's subjects professing the Roman Catholic Faith, believe, when a Marriage Contract is duly entered upon with all the conditions required by the Canons of the Church, such Marriage, *quoad Vinculum*, is indissoluble but by death; and that to pass an Act to empower a Court to dissolve such Marriage would be contrary to the Divine Law: "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder."—ST. MATT. xix. 6.

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray your Honourable House will not sanction any Law that would give power to the Supreme Court, or any other Court, to separate parties *quoad Vinculum Matrimonii*.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

† ROBERT WILLIAM WILLSON, *Catholic Bishop of Hobarton.*  
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WILLIAM J. DUNNE.  
EDWARD C. MARUM.  
GEORGE HUNTER.  
MICHAEL HARRINGTON RYAN.

*Hobart Town, 4th September, 1860.*