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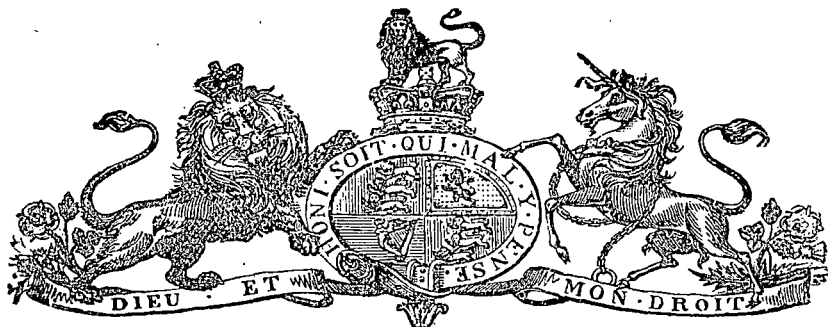
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

RESERVATION AT NEWNHAM FOR NOXIOUS
TRADES AREA :

PETITION AGAINST.

Presented by Mr. Sidebottom, September 17, 1890, and ordered by the House of
Assembly to be printed, September 24, 1890.



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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONORABLE HOUSE :

WE, the undersigned W. C. Grubb and James Lamont, being the owners of land situated at Mowbray, near Launceston, humbly beg to bring under your notice that it has been proposed to take certain portions of our said land for the purpose of a Noxious Trades Area; and as we are perfectly aware that individual rights or objections should not carry much weight where the public weal is concerned, we do nevertheless hereby protest on the ground that the site is not a suitable one, and in order to show that such is the case, we trust your Honorable House will ascertain if the following allegations are not correct, and finding such, we feel assured you will not sanction its acquisition.

2. We submit that the site is not sufficiently removed from the centres of population, being little more than two miles from the Launceston Post Office, about one mile from the centre of the rapidly rising suburb of Invermay, and barely half a mile from its boundary; and taking into consideration the growth of buildings at Invermay and Mowbray during the last five years, it is only reasonable to expect that the verge of the proposed area will be reached in a very short limit of time.

2. That if the proposed area is taken it will be detrimental to a very considerable area of beautiful building sites admirably situated for suburban residences.

3. That the said site is so contiguous to the Mowbray Racecourse, where large numbers of people are often assembled, that its very presence must necessarily be offensive, and prove detrimental to this popular recreation ground.

4. That the site will require a sewer of at least two miles in length to carry the sewage into the Tamar, and the cost of this will be at least £1500 for pipes alone, as we have been assured by competent persons that nothing less than a 15-inch pipe will be suitable; and although it may be argued that a smaller pipe would do for a start, it will be obvious that the larger pipe must prove the most economical.

5. That from the Report of the Superintendent of Waterworks *re* Water Supply, it appears that a supply cannot be guaranteed during the day time,—a statement in itself which should prove a bar.

6. On personal grounds we object and protest because of the damage which will accrue to our other surrounding property, it having been our intention shortly to have placed this very land on the market in the shape of suburban lots, a high figure having been offered us by a speculator for this very purpose. And, further, the surface drainage into the Newnham Creek will utterly destroy that water supply, on which the inhabitants of the Newnham Village and others so largely depend, not only for domestic purposes, but for watering their stock.

We have, we think, in the foregoing, stated sufficient to prove that the site chosen is not a suitable one; and as another is available on the Tamar within easy reach of Launceston, possessing the advantage of cheap sewerage, a good road, water carriage, and the distance to convey the water supply little more than to the other, with the certainty of a constant supply, we therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will not consent to the acquisition of the proposed site at Mowbray.

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

WILLIAM C. GRUBB.
JAMES LAMONT.