

(No. 82.)



1878.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

ELECTORAL BILL:

PETITION.

Presented by Mr. Gellibrand, September 17; and ordered by the Council to be printed, September 18, 1878.



*To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council
of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Office-bearers of the Church of England Temperance Society in this Colony.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have observed that a Bill relating to the Election of Members of Parliament is now before the Parliament of this Colony.

That great injury is done to the morals and trade of the community by the practice of holding Candidates' Meetings at Public-houses, and generally by the use of intoxicating liquors in connection with such Elections.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that in the said Bill it may be enacted :—

1. That on the day of an Election of a Member of Parliament, in Hobart Town or Launceston, all places where intoxicating liquors are sold may be closed, under a penalty.
2. That, on such day in any Country District, every such place within a radius of two miles of every Polling-place may be closed, under a penalty.
3. That it shall not be lawful for any Candidate for a Seat in Parliament to hold a public Election Meeting at any licensed house, under a similar penalty.

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

[Here follow 11 Signatures.]