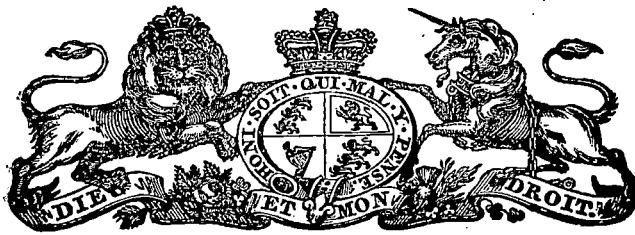


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**REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATES DUTIES  
BILL (No. 27) :**

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Presented by Mr. Chapman, February 17; and ordered by the Council to be  
printed, February 19, 1880.



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

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Launceston, in Public Meeting assembled.

**SHEWETH :**

THAT, at a Public Meeting duly convened and held at the Town Hall in Launceston on the fourteenth day of February instant, it was unanimously resolved as follows :—

- 1st. "That, in the opinion of this Meeting, the Bill now under the consideration of Parliament, entitled 'A Bill to impose Duties on certain Real and Personal Estate,' contains numerous highly objectionable and impolitic provisions, and more particularly in those Sections by which it is proposed to impose a duty upon mortgages, to impose the real property duty wholly on landlords and to exempt tenants, to compel all partnerships formed for mining purposes to be registered as public companies, and to exempt shareholders on the foreign register of companies carrying on business in Tasmania from the payment of duty; and that the Bill should receive the most careful revision before being allowed to pass into law."
- 2nd. "That, in the opinion of this Meeting, the provision in Section 36 of the said Bill, for compelling all mining partnerships to be registered or formed under some Act for the registration of Companies, is most impolitic and unjust, and will, if allowed to become law, lead to great inconvenience and hardship, and operate most injuriously to the Colony in checking an industry which has been mainly instrumental in raising Tasmania to its present state of prosperity."
- 3rd. "That the preceding Resolutions be embodied in Petitions to be prepared and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Meeting, and forwarded for presentation to both Houses of Parliament."

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will give to the foregoing Resolutions due consideration.

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

ADYE DOUGLAS, *Chairman of the Meeting.*