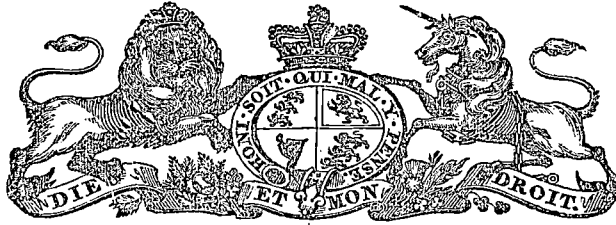


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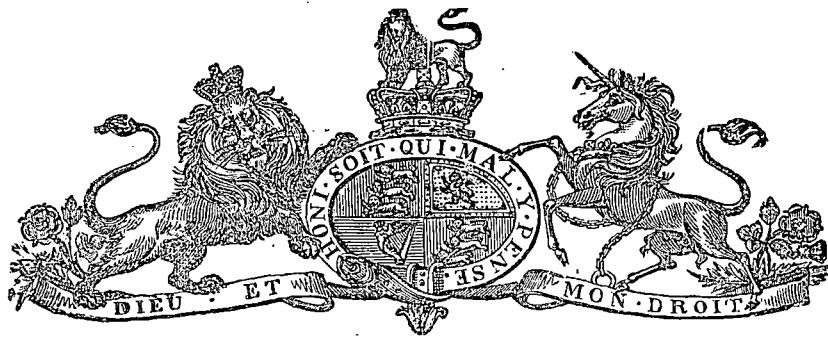
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

GRANTS IN AID OF MUNICIPALITIES.

PETITIONS AGAINST ABOLITION.

1. From Ratepayers of Brighton.
 2. From the Warden of Glenorchy.
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Presented by Mr. Lowes, September 17; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
September 18, 1867.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers of the Municipality of Brighton.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT we view with regret that a Bill has been laid before your Honorable House, intituled "A Bill to amend the Municipalities Act, 1865," by which it is proposed, by Sections 11 and 12, to abolish grants in aid to Municipalities.

That no existing necessity has been shown for the division of Districts into Wards, and that by Section 7 much property will be unrepresented.

That we were induced to take up Municipal action on the assurance of such grant being continued; and we view with alarm any attempt to abolish such grant as a violation of public faith.

That the abolition of such grants must inevitably entail on property an additional tax; and this Municipality being chiefly agricultural, we unhesitatingly affirm that, under the present depressed state of agricultural produce, property is unable to bear it.

We therefore pray your Honorable House to take the premises into your favourable consideration, and prevent the said Bill from becoming law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 18 Signatures.]

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council, Tasmania.

THE Warden and Councillors of the Rural Municipality of Glenorchy pray that the Legislative Council will take into its consideration the circumstances under which the District took upon itself the responsibility, management, and direction of the Municipality.

The Warden and Councillors of this Municipality undertook the conduct of Public affairs on the faith of the Parliament, that a certain definite sum would be provided by the State for the maintenance of the necessary Police for the District.

That the proportion of such amount was really and *bonâ fide* fixed by the Act of Parliament, 29 Victoria, No. 23.

Trusting to the action of Parliament the inhabitants undertook Municipal action, which has been carried out without complaint since the establishment of the Municipality.

We therefore pray that the conditions under which Municipal action was taken may be continued intact.

On behalf of the Council,

HENRY BUTLER, *Warden.*