

(No. 102.)



1881.

TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

FRANCHISE:

PETITION FROM LAUNCESTON, FRANKLIN, AND RICHMOND.

Presented by Mr. Bromby and Mr. Lette, August 25, 1881, and ordered by the House to be printed.



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

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Launceston,

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT the system of voting for Road Trustees and Municipal Councillors by law established and now in force in Tasmania gives an undue preponderance to large property-holders whilst it wholly deprives a large class of small proprietors from any share in the election of such officers, notwithstanding that all are alike liable for their quota of rates and taxes imposed by these institutions.

That such a system of class legislation tends to bring into disrepute these institutions which were designed for, and if properly worked would lead to, the benefit and respect of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will adopt such measures as will regulate these institutions so that every person liable for any local rates or taxes through the operations of these institutions may have and give at least one vote at any election, and that no person shall have or give at any election a greater number of votes than three.

In the voting for Members of Parliament we respectfully beg that all persons occupying any house or land be allowed to vote for a Member of the House of Assembly in the Electoral District in which the property is, and that all freeholders of property have a vote for a Member of the Legislative Council in the Electoral District where the property is situate.

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

SIMILAR Petitions from Franklin and Richmond.

[Here follow 323 Signatures.]

(Continuation of House of Assembly Paper, No. 102.)

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PETITIONS : From Oatlands, signed by 198 freeholders and others.
From Hobart, signed by 9 inhabitants.
From Circular Head, signed by 17 inhabitants.
From Latrobe, signed by Chairman of Public Meeting.

Praying that the scale of Voting for Road Trustees and Municipal Councillors may be altered.