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MARINE BOARD AMENDMENT BILL, (No. 5).

PETITION AGAINST AMENDMENTS OF HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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Presented by Mr. Rooke, October 9, and ordered by the Legislative Council  
to be printed.



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

The humble Petition of the Launceston Chamber of Commerce,

**RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :**

THAT a Bill is now before Parliament for the purpose of amending and consolidating the Marine Board Acts now in force in Tasmania, and a Resolution has been carried in the House of Assembly to the effect that all members of the Boards shall be elected by the burgesses of such town where the Marine Boards are established.

That, under the Marine Board Amendment Act, 48 Victoria, No. 19, this Chamber has the privilege of nominating two members of the Launceston Board, and the Chairman of the Chamber is also *ex officio* a member.

That the Chamber consists of sixty (60) members, representing the whole of the mercantile interest of Launceston.

That this mode of election has given satisfaction in the past, and has resulted in the best interests of the port being carefully considered and conserved.

Your Petitioners would respectfully point out that the Marine Board of Launceston has been carrying out very important works to the satisfaction of Parliament and the public: That no objection has been raised to the mode of election so far as the power of this Chamber in electing two members to the Marine Board is concerned, and your Petitioners have every reason to believe that the members or wardens so nominated by the Chamber have the entire confidence of Parliament and the public.

Your Petitioners would remind your Honorable House that the Launceston Chamber of Commerce is not an *ultra* conservative body; that its roll of membership is open to all business men in the community; and your Petitioners believe that the Chamber as now constituted, whilst representing the whole of the commercial interests of Launceston, has the confidence of the burgesses generally.

Your Petitioners are firmly of opinion that the amended constitution of the Marine Board, as provided for in the Bill now before Parliament, if carried into law will not have the effect of improving the *personnel* of the Board, extending its usefulness, or increasing the confidence of the public in that institution.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the Amendments made in the House of Assembly in the Marine Board Act Amendment Bill will be so altered in your Honorable House that the privilege so long enjoyed by the Launceston Chamber of Commerce of electing members or wardens to the Launceston Marine Board will be conserved.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

ADYE DOUGLAS,  
*Chairman of Meeting of Launceston Chamber of Commerce.*