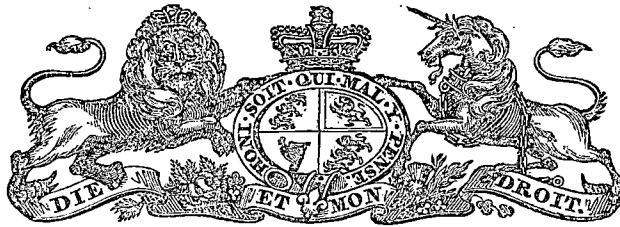


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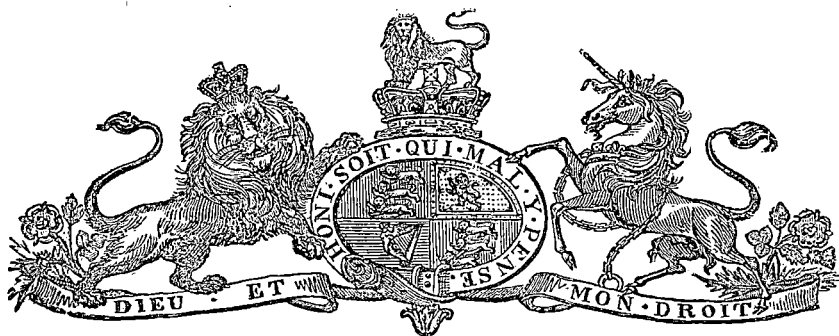
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Presented by Mr. Crookes, and ordered by the House to be printed,
25 August, 1859.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Members of the Chamber of Commerce at Launceston.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have observed with satisfaction that a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Insolvency has been introduced into Parliament.

That in Section 20, Clause 3, of the Draft, the words "with intent to conceal the true state of affairs" are qualifying terms which would defeat the object sought, as it would in most cases be impossible to prove intention, while the fact might be plain.

That your Petitioners are also of opinion that similar words in Clauses 1 and 2 of the same Section might with advantage be struck out.

That, in the opinion of your Petitioners, all persons becoming insolvent should, as in England, be punished for not keeping proper books.

That it is also the opinion of your Petitioners a scale of voting should be adopted to obviate the great and gross injustice of a few Creditors to a small amount voting away the property of larger Creditors; and respectfully recommend that Creditors under Twenty Pounds (£20) be not entitled to vote, and above that sum by some equitable scale, until the maximum of Seven be reached.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that your Honorable House will adopt the foregoing suggestions in any Legislation for the amendment of the Insolvent Law.

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

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Joseph Cohen.
Francis Evans.
George Gilmore.
William Hart.
John Fawns.
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