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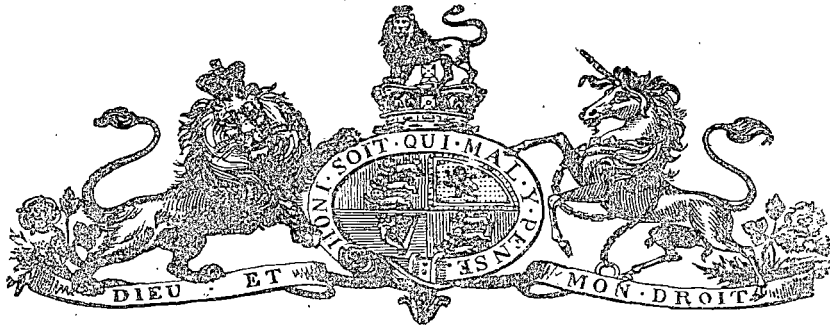
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HOBART WATER ACT:

PETITION AGAINST BILL TO AMEND.

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Presented by Mr. Gill, August 27, 1890, and ordered by the House of Assembly  
to be printed, August 28, 1890.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Residents in the Suburbs of the City of Hobart,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are informed that a Bill has been introduced into your Honorable House at the instance of the Corporation of the City of Hobart, to enable them to levy a larger Water Rate on your Petitioners than upon the inhabitants of the City of Hobart.

That, by Act of Parliament 24 Vict. No. 9, certain privileges and powers were granted to the Corporation of the City of Hobart for the purpose of providing the City of Hobart and Suburbs with an additional supply of water, and by the said Act, and by Act of Parliament 36 Vict. No. 13, the right to the several streams of water flowing from Mount Wellington towards New Town and Sandy Bay, including the New Town Rivulet and the Sandy Bay Rivulet, was transferred to and vested in the said Corporation.

That by reason of the aforesaid Acts your Petitioners have been deprived of the streams of water which would have enabled them to construct their own Waterworks and supply themselves with water, which they could have done at a less rate than that now imposed upon them by the said Corporation.

That up to the present time the supply of water to the Suburbs has been wholly inadequate to the demand owing to the smallness of the pipes, and on many occasions in the summer has been wholly cut off for twenty-four hours at a time, owing to the insufficiency of the supply to both City and Suburbs at the same time.

That your Petitioners having been compelled to submit to the aforesaid inconveniences, and being unable, owing to the Corporation having appropriated all the available water supply, to construct works for themselves, contend that it would be unjust to rate them at a higher rate than the inhabitants of the City, who have larger mains and a good and constant supply, and whose wants are preferred to those of your Petitioners.

That your Petitioners also contend that the said Corporation, having obtained their said rights for the equal benefit of the City and Suburbs, the inhabitants of both localities should be rated equally, and neither compelled to pay more than the other.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the Bill may not become Law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

*[Here follow 69 signatures.]*