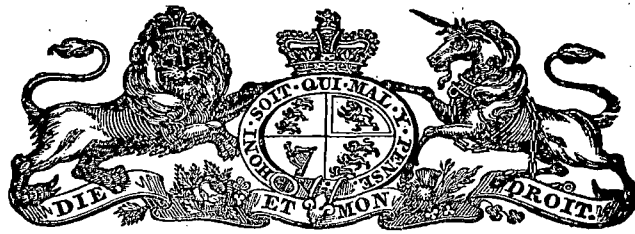


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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

VOTING IN MUNICIPALITIES, &c. :

PETITIONS.

Presented by Mr. Crowther, August 13; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
August 27, 1878.



To the Honorable the President and Honorable Members of the Legislative Council 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 operation 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 five.

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

[Here follow 135 Signatures.]

Petitions in the same terms were presented at the same time from—

Latrobe, with 104 signatures.

Ditto, with 13 signatures.

Newbed and Sunnyside, with 19 signatures.

Kentishbury, with 71 signatures.

Stoodley, with 58 signatures.