

(No. 74)



1878.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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ELECTORAL BILL:

PETITION.

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Presented by Mr. Gellibrand, September 12; and ordered by the Council to be printed, September 13, 1878.



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

The humble Petition of the Members of the Independent Order of Good Templars in Tasmania.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have observed that a Bill relating to the Election of Members of Parliament is now before the Parliament of this Colony.

That great injury is done to the morals and trade of the community by the practice of holding Candidates' Meetings in Public-houses, and also by the drinking of intoxicating liquors in connection with such Elections.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that in the said Bill it may be enacted :—

1. That on the day of an Election of a Member of Parliament, in Hobart Town or Launceston, all the places within such City or Town where intoxicating liquors are sold may be closed, under a penalty.
2. That, on the day of an Election in any Country District, every such place within a radius of two miles of every Polling-place may be closed, under a penalty.
3. That it shall not be lawful for any Candidate for a Seat in Parliament to hold a public Election Meeting in any licensed Public-house.

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

Signed on behalf of the Members of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

[Here follow 5 Signatures.]

Petition in same terms, presented at the same time, from Officers (4) of the Independent Order of Rechabites.