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TASMANIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TAX ON IMPORTED STOCK.

PETITION FROM GREEN PONDS.

Presented by Mr. Maclanachan, September 4; and ordered by the Council to be printed, September 8, 1868.



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

THE undersigned Stock-holders and Tenant Farmers beg to bring under the notice of your Honorable House the depressed state of the Stock market in Tasmania, owing to the large and unrestricted importation of Sheep and Cattle from the neighbouring Colonies.

They would represent to your Honorable House the utter impossibility of their being able to compete successfully with the Stock producers of the Australias, owing to the unlimited extent of pasture land held by them at a nominal rental, and the fine climate enabling them to produce fat Stock at any season of the year.

That your Petitioners, owing to the limited extent of pasture land in Tasmania, and the severity of the winter, are unable, without resorting to artificial roots and grasses, to produce fat Stock save at considerable outlay of capital.

That, owing to the failure of the Turnip crop for some years, the difficulties and expenses of supplying the market have been much increased.

That the breeders of Sheep are unable to dispose of their Stock without submitting to prices that do not cover the cost of production.

That the Tenant Farmers (from whom the principal portion of fat Stock is obtained) find it impossible to supply the market without serious loss owing to the constant arrival of fat Stock from the neighbouring Colonies.

Your Petitioners therefore trust that your Honorable House will take these circumstances into consideration, and place such a tax upon the Stock and Meat imported for immediate consumption as will place them more upon an equality with the Importers.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 14 Signatures.]