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TASMANIA.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

CONSTITUTIONAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

PETITION OF ASSOCIATES OF ARTS.

Presented by Mr. Whyte, September 28; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
September 29, 1870.



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

The respectful Petition of the undersigned Associates of Arts resident in Tasmania.

SHOWETH :

THAT in a Bill sent up from the House of Assembly for the concurrence of your Honorable House, having for its object the extension of the Franchise to persons hitherto ineligible to vote for the election of Members of the Colonial Legislature, it is proposed to be provided, in the second part of Section 6, that an Associate of Arts shall be qualified to vote for the election of a Member of the House of Assembly ; and in this respect an Associate is placed on a par with a Graduate of a University.

That while, by the same Bill, the privilege of voting for the election of a Member of the Legislative Council is granted to a Graduate of any University in the British Dominions (which may include that of Melbourne or Otago, where the Examination is not more strict than that for the Degree of Associate of Arts in Tasmania), such privilege is not proposed to be extended to an Associate of Arts of Tasmania ; and it is respectfully submitted that an Associate might in this respect be placed upon an equal footing with a Graduate of a University, so as to encourage the youth of Tasmania to qualify themselves by education for the higher privileges of the Colony.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable Council will, when the said Bill is under your consideration, be pleased to cause the privilege of the Franchise for the Upper Chamber of the Legislature, equally with that of the House of Assembly, to be extended to an Associate of Arts of Tasmania.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

D. Barclay, Jr., A.A. 1863.
H. L. Garrett, A.A. 1863.
J. Mitchell, A.A. 1864.
W. Morriss, A.A. 1865.
Jno. T. Morriss, A.A. 1865.

C. J. Ball, A.A. 1865.
Charles H. Roope, A.A. 1865.
Reginald C. Boyd, A.A. 1867.
Edward H. Butler, A.A. 1867.
W. T. Gill, A.A. 1867.