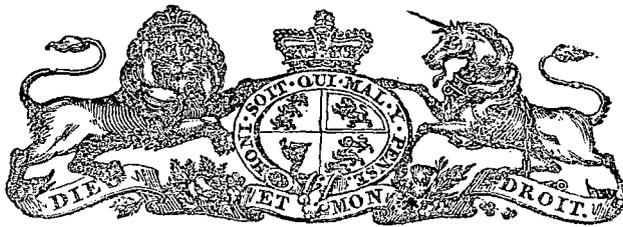


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P E T I T I O N

FROM INHABITANTS OF HOBART TOWN IN FAVOUR OF
REFORMATORY BILL.

Presented by Mr. Walker, 4 August, 1865; and ordered by the House to be
printed.



To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly.

The humble Petition of the undersigned.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

That your Petitioners have long regarded with sorrow and apprehension the deplorably neglected condition of large numbers of children in the Colony growing up without education, and daily acquiring habits of idleness, mendicancy, theft, and other immoralities.

That your Petitioners firmly believe that the establishment of Industrial Schools and Reformatories are urgently required to repress this rapidly increasing evil, and to save the Colony from being inundated with a costly mass of ignorance, pauperism, and crime, which will press most heavily on the resources of Tasmania.

That your Petitioners highly approve of the scheme proposed by the Government in the Draft of a Bill, intituled "A Bill for the Amendment of the Law relating to Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders," now before your Honorable House; being firmly impressed with the belief that, if the Bill should be enacted, its provisions are admirably adapted to save great numbers of children from destruction, and convert them into virtuous and industrious citizens, to their own temporal and eternal welfare, and the glory and advantage of the Colony.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House to pass the aforesaid Bill.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 57 Signatures.]