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TAXATION.—CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LAUNCESTON.

Presented by Mr. Lette, 3rd July, and ordered by the House to be printed,
7 July, 1863.



To the Honorable the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The Memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Launceston, in Public Meeting duly assembled.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT the extension of the area of Taxation is certain to interrupt Commerce and cripple Trade. That a Fixed Duty on a few articles of general consumption is preferable to the proposed Tariff in every respect; and that the introduction of a Tax on Measurement will prove troublesome in collection, and unequal in operation.

That Stamp Duties would most injuriously interfere with business transactions, occasion deay, annoyance, and unnecessary trouble, and be largely evaded. That the scale proposed by the Government is calculated to work injustice to the Tax-payer, and will expose unwitting offenders to serious penal consequences; and, generally, that the exigencies of the Government are not such as to warrant such an extreme measure as a Stamp Act.

That your Memorialists are of opinion that a large reduction in the General Expenditure of the Country should have preceded any new system of Taxation.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray your Honorable House to take the foregoing into your consideration, and adopt such measures herein as to your wisdom may seem meet.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

By Order of the Chamber,

HENRY DOWLING, *Chairman.*