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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

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ELECTORAL ACT:

PETITION FROM CABMEN OF HOBART, FOR AMENDMENT OF.

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Presented by Mr. Fitzgerald, July 20, 1887; and ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed, August 3, 1887.



The humble Petition of Cab Proprietors and Cabmen of the City of Hobart,  
in Tasmania.

WE, the undersigned Cab Proprietors and Cabmen of the City of Hobart, in Tasmania, humbly petition Honorable Members of the House of Assembly that they will take under their notice the following complaint of citizens who gain their livelihood by following the above profession.

1. That in the year 1885 an Act was passed to amend "The Electoral Act," and a clause inserted prohibiting all licensed cabs, horses, vehicles, &c. from taking part in any Election of a Member for the House of Assembly on election day ; or, in other words, cabmen were not allowed on election day to hire or let out their cab, horse, vehicle, &c. for that day to convey electors to and from the poll unless at the elector's own cost.

2. We now find on election day that carts, four-wheeled conveyances, and other vehicles not licensed are used, and which we believe are paid for,—money which we think we ought to be in a position to earn ourselves.

3. We find it very hard to make things meet, as times are very bad, and we think if allowed to let or hire out our horses and conveyances on election day, as we pay an annual licence, it would be the means of greatly increasing our income, and thereby enable us to earn an honest livelihood.

4. We therefore humbly and respectfully beg of Honorable Members that they will favourably consider this Petition, and amend "The Electoral Act" so that we can let or hire out our licensed horses, cabs, vehicles, &c., and drive them ourselves, on election day.

And your Petitioners will for ever pray.

[Here follow 49 signatures.]