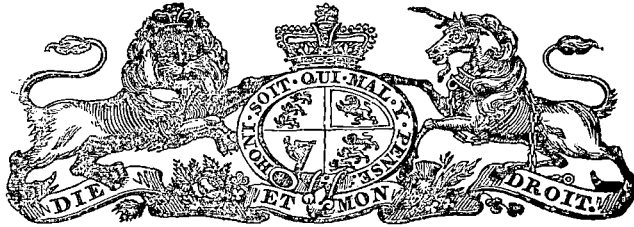


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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

TAX ON HAY, STRAW, AND CHAFF :

PETITION OF CABMEN, &c., AGAINST IMPOSITION OF.
(*Mr. Moore, July 24.*)

Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed.



To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council.

Petition.

WE, the undersigned Cabmen, Draymen, Livery-stable Keepers, and others, humbly petition your Honorable House as follows :—

1. There are in Hobart and Launceston several hundred cabmen, draymen, and others who are wholly dependent for their support and that of their families upon their cabs, cars, drays, and omnibuses.

2. During the late dry season, owing to the high price of hay, straw, and chaff, your Petitioners had great difficulty in earning a living on that account.

3. Your Petitioners hear with dismay that there is a proposal before Parliament to levy a tax equal to $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. *ad valorem* import duty on hay, straw, and chaff. Your Petitioners humbly point out that if such proposal becomes law, the price of hay, chaff, and straw will probably rise to £8 or £9 per ton.

4. If the said proposal becomes law, more than half the cabmen and draymen, livery-stable keepers, and men employed by livery-stable keepers will be driven out of employ, and they and their families ruined, as it would be impossible to earn a living with hay, chaff, and straw at £8 or £9 per ton, and the fares at the low rates allowed by Law ; while, if the fares are raised, the cost of transit at Hobart and Launceston will be greatly increased to the public without any benefit to the cabmen, draymen, livery-stable keepers, and men generally.

Your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable House will not consent to the imposition of any such *ad valorem* duty on hay, chaff, and straw.

[*Here follow 208 signatures.*]