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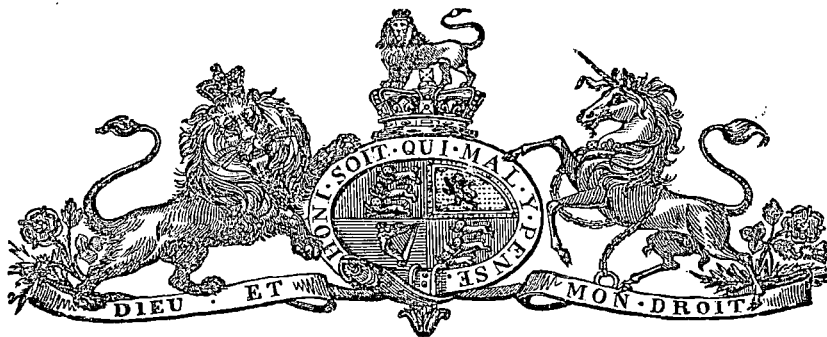
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

GRANTS IN AID OF MUNICIPALITIES.

PETITION FROM MR. A. FINLAY, WARDEN OF BRIGHTON.

Presented by Mr. Whyte, September 18 ; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
September 20, 1867.



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

The humble Petition of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Brighton.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT this Council views with regret that a Bill has been laid before your Honorable House, intituled "A Bill to amend the Municipalities Act, 1865," by which it is proposed by Sections 11 and 12 to abolish grants in aid to Municipalities.

That the abolition of such grants must inevitably entail on property an additional tax ; and this Municipality being chiefly agricultural, this Council unhesitatingly affirms that, under the present depressed state of agricultural produce, property is unable to bear it.

This Council therefore prays your Honorable House to take the premises into your consideration, and prevent the said Bill from becoming law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

On behalf of the Council,

A. FINLAY, *Warden.*