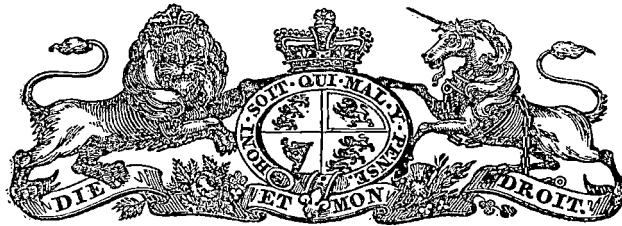


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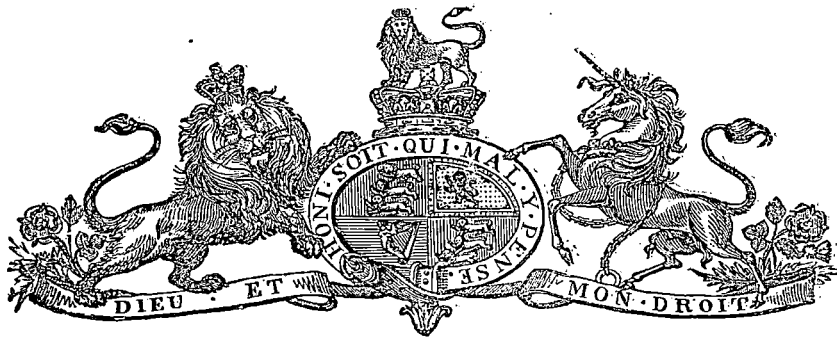
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H O B A R T T O W N W A T E R B I L L, [No. 30.]

Presented by Mr. Davies, and ordered by the House to be printed,
18 September, 1861.



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

The humble Petition of the Municipal Council of Hobart Town, in Tasmania, in Council assembled.

SHOWETH:

That the carrying into effect of the Water Act is, by law, confided to your Petitioners.

That, by the said Act, provision is made for raising the necessary Funds, by means of Rates, to enable them to perform that duty.

That one of such provisions is an authority to rate the Owners of property by a public Water Rate according to one-fourth of the annual value, on the ground chiefly of the very great advantage that will be derived to all the property within the limits of the Act, by the introduction of pure Water into the City.

That, by another provision, authority is given to rate the Owners and Occupiers of property to a fourth part only, where Water is not supplied or Mains not laid within fifty feet of the property.

That a Bill has been introduced into your Honorable House for annulling the expression "Public Water Rate" throughout the Act, and for repealing the power to rate Owners of property, and also the power to rate Occupiers where Water is not supplied or Mains laid within fifty feet of the prescribed premises.

That, by the said Bill, it is proposed to repeal the Act as to rating the Owners of unoccupied property when it becomes occupied, and charging the Rates on the Occupier.

That all the Rates and Charges granted by the said Act are assigned, by way of Mortgage, to various persons for various terms of Four, Eight, and Twelve years, and the Government of Tasmania, pursuant to an authority contained therein, has guaranteed the payment of the Interest.

That none of the Mortgagees are consenting parties to the Bill.

That in a few months Water will be supplied, and Mains laid, for the use of every Occupant within the limits of the Act.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the said Bill may not pass into a Law.

HENRY COOK, *Mayor.*

16 September, 1861.