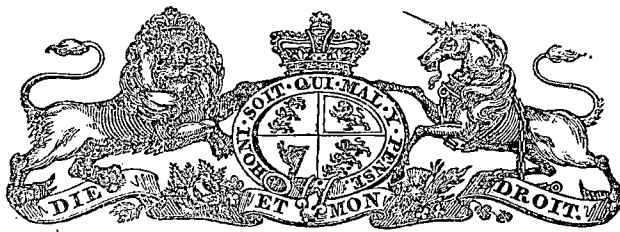


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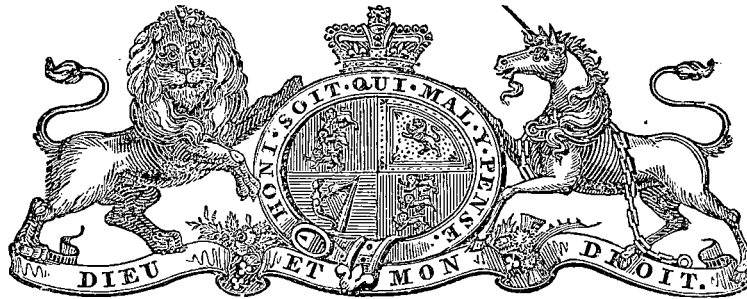
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Presented by Mr. Gregson, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
1 October, 1860.



*To the Honourable the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Citizens of Hobart Town, 1860.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT a Bill is now before Parliament, intituled "A Bill to enable the City Council to build a Town Hall and other Public Buildings," the object of which is to enable the said Council to borrow the sum of Ten thousand Pounds for such purpose, but which, in the opinion of your Petitioners, is not sufficient for the purpose required.

That, while this Colony was in a more prosperous state, the various City Councils have been satisfied with the Town Hall in the New Market Place, from which some of the most useful measures have emanated as regards the improvements of our streets and public thoroughfares.

That, as the interest upon the money borrowed for the said purpose must be raised from the Citizens by Taxes which must necessarily be imposed, your Petitioners are of opinion that the present depressed state of the times is such as to render additional Taxation entirely unnecessary, and an evil which they are unable to bear. They are further of opinion that the building now used for a Town Hall is sufficient for all the purposes of the Municipal Council; or, if considered necessary, the building now known as the Old Ball-room could, with a very trifling expense, be rendered both comfortable and ornamental.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that the said Bill may not become law to the detriment of their interests.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 113 Signatures.]