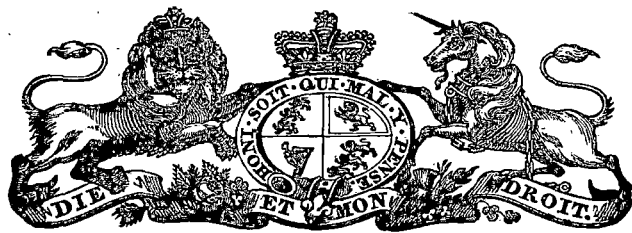


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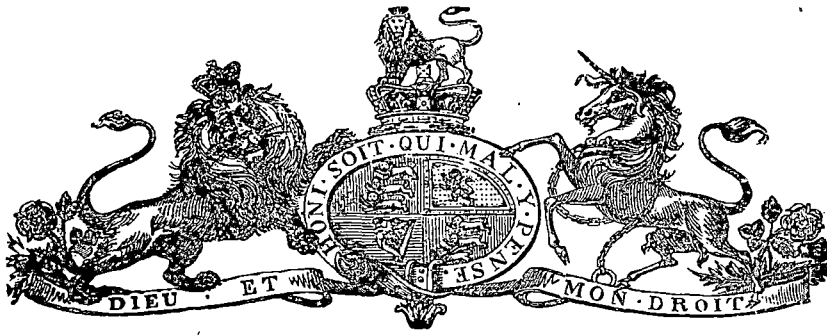
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICE REGULATION
BILLS, 1889 :

PETITION OF WARDEN AND COUNCILLORS, MUNICIPALITY
OF DELORAINE, &c., AGAINST. (*Mr. Grubb, September 12.*)

Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed.



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

WE, the undersigned Warden and Councillors and Chairmen of Boards and Trusts in the Rural Municipality of Deloraine, beg to petition your Honorable House that the Local Government Bill and Police Regulation Bill now before Parliament may not be passed into Law, for the following reasons:—

That these Bills do not meet with the approval of the ratepayers of this Municipality, inasmuch as a great tendency is evinced in them to deprive the Warden for the time being, the Chief Magistrate of the Municipality, together with the Councillors, of the legitimate control of the Police, and that it is unwise to disturb the present Road Trusts, as the work is more economically and efficiently done than it could be by a Council of nine men.

That the law which exists for the appointment and regulation of the Police vests in Municipal Councils the most essential principle of local self-government, and has been so prudently administered for over a quarter of a century that a most satisfactory measure of efficiency, economy, and confidence has been secured, and no sufficient reason or demand has arisen for disturbing it. That the ratepayers of this Municipality have liberally taxed themselves for the erection of Police buildings and quarters, and now protest against the confiscation of this property, which they jealously regard as their own.

That these Bills if they become law will necessitate additional taxation for Municipal and Police purposes, will dislocate laws with which the people are familiar, and which have been administered by the people themselves with satisfactory results on principles of economy, convenience, and efficiency.

That your Petitioners are of opinion that if these Bills become law they will be most unjust in their operation, inasmuch as the Municipalities will be compelled to provide for the payment of the Warden, Council Clerk, and Collectors of Statistics, &c., while in the Municipal Districts expenses of a similar nature will be paid out of the General Revenue.

We therefore earnestly pray that your Honourable House in its wisdom may see fit not to sanction these Bills being passed into law. And we, in duty bound, will ever pray.

J. M. GRIFFIN, *Warden.*

ROBERT HALL,

WILLIAM ABEY,

CALEB J. L. SMITH,

HENRY ROCKLIFF, JUN.,

} *Councillors.*

JONATHAN BEST, *Chairman of Deloraine Road Trust and Rabbit Board.*

TERENCE M'MAHON, *Chairman Midhurst Road District.*

W. CUNNINGHAM, *Chairman of Chudleigh District.*