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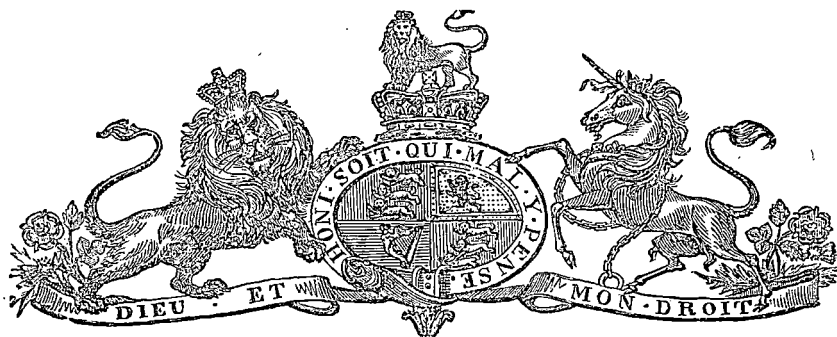
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PETITION.

LAUNCESTON CORPORATION.

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Presented by Mr. Houghton, and ordered by the House to be printed,  
30 August, 1859.



*To the Honourable the House of Assembly in Parliament now assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned Burgesses of the Town of Launceston.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT, during the late Session of Parliament, an Act was passed on the 29th of October, 1858, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Burgesses of the Town of Launceston."

That such Act is contrary in many respects to the wishes of the inhabitants of the Town of Launceston, as expressed in a Petition adopted at a Public Meeting held June 18th, 1852, and presented to the Legislative Council by Mr. Gleadow, July 21st, 1852, more especially as regards Clause 11 of such Petition; viz.,

"That the Committee consider that there are no circumstances in this Colony to justify a departure from the mode of voting at Municipal Elections in England; and they do not recommend that the proposition of the Government to give plurality of votes should form part of any Bill for the Municipal Government of Launceston."

That at a Public Meeting of the Burgesses of Launceston, held July 27th in the present year (1859), his Worship the Mayor in the Chair, it was resolved:—

"That the present system of Plurality of Votes is undesirable, and there is no cause to justify a departure from the mode of voting at Municipal Elections in England and the adjoining Colonies."

"That, in order to have the Town fairly represented, it is desirable that it should be divided into Wards."

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honourable House will cause such amendments to be made in the Launceston Corporation Act as may give effect to the wishes of the Burgesses of Launceston, as set forth in the foregoing Resolutions; and that the Town should be divided into four Wards, each Ward to elect Aldermen resident in their own respective Wards, and one Alderman to retire annually from each respective Ward.

And that such further Legislation may be given thereon as in your wisdom may appear meet.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 631 Signatures.]