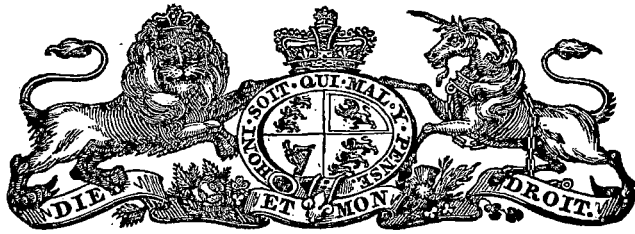


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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

T A X A T I O N :

PETITION OF MAYOR OF HOBART TOWN.

Presented by Mr. Crowther, October 30; and ordered by the Council to be printed, October 31, 1878.



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

The Petition of the Citizens of Hobart Town, in Public Meeting assembled.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT a Bill is now before the House of Assembly, and will shortly reach your Honorable House, to impose a Tax upon Property and certain stated Incomes.

Your Petitioners respectfully beg to aver, that amongst many objectionable features of the said Bill the most remarkable is the total absence of equity and fairness in its provisions ; for, whilst it designs to impose a heavy burthen of taxation upon certain classes of the community, it unfairly concedes to a large and wealthy class a complete and special exemption from this mode of impost. Thus, should this manifestly partial measure become law, it must materially interfere with the free and legitimate incidence of capital, evoke a profound sense of injustice done, and kindle a wide-spread feeling of discontent so detrimental to the welfare of the people and the progress of the Colony.

Your Petitioners further respectfully contend that the said Bill not only lacks the essential elements of equity, but is also wholly inadequate to encounter the present financial difficulties and public necessities of the Colony, and therefore not calculated to bring any substantial relief to the Treasury, or to effect any desirable improvement of the existing unsatisfactory Fiscal Policy of the Country.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will, in the exercise of your wisdom, prevent the said Bill from becoming law ; and your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

Signed by me on behalf of the Citizens of Hobart Town, in Public Meeting assembled, this 29th day of October, 1878,

W. P. GREEN, *Mayor of the City of Hobart Town.*