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Presented by Mr. Gell, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
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*To the Honorable the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Residents of Deloraine and its Vicinity.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT in the opinion of your Petitioners it is not desirable that Judges of the Supreme Court of this Island should be allowed Seats in either House of Parliament.

That while, on the one hand, the dignity of the Bench is imperilled by the circumstances attending a public, and it may be, a contested election, its impartiality is likely to be affected by that political or party bias from which few are free who take an active part in the Legislative proceedings of the day.

That your Petitioners therefore pray, that your Honorable House will take steps to maintain unimpaired the present high character of the Judicial Bench, by rendering its occupants ineligible to Seats in the Legislative Council, as they already are in the House of Assembly.

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

[*Here follow 51 Signatures.*]