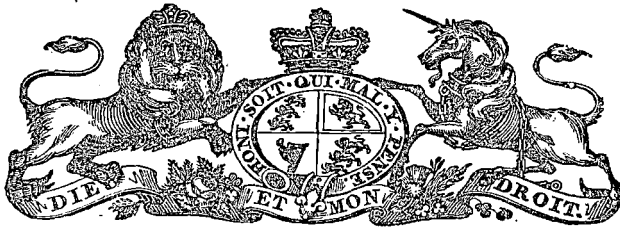


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ADDITIONAL STAMP DUTIES.

PETITION FROM THE LAUNCESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Presented by Mr. Sherwin, 22 August, 1865, and ordered by the House to be printed.



*To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly of Tasmania,
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Members of the Chamber of Commerce of the Town
of Launceston.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners learn with regret that, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the year 1866, it is the intention of the Government to submit to your Honorable House a measure having for its object the extension of the Stamp Act to the imposition of One Penny duty on every receipt or discharge given for or upon the payment of money amounting to Twenty Shillings or upwards, and also the like sum of One Penny on every Draft or Order for the payment of any sum of money to the bearer or to order on demand.

That your Petitioners consider that any addition to the Stamp Act of such a nature as above alluded to would greatly aggravate a burden already, from its troublesome and vexatious character, almost intolerable, would prove an additional hindrance to the prosecution of business, and occasion such an amount of annoyance, trouble, confusion, and loss of time to all engaged in trade as in comparison to render the amount anticipated to be raised by the proposed additional Duties altogether unworthy of consideration.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to withhold your sanction from any measure having for its object the raising of additional Duties under the Stamp Act; and your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 24 Signatures.]