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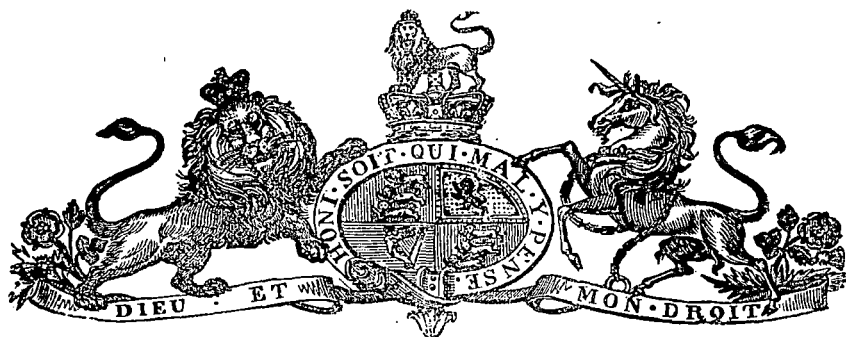
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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

BEER DUTY BILL (No. 25) :

PETITION FROM BREWERS.

Presented by Mr. Lette, February 3; and ordered by the House to be printed,
February 6, 1880.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Brewers carrying on business in Tasmania.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have had under their consideration "A Bill to impose a Duty upon Beer," which Bill recites that it is expedient, for the purpose of making good deficiencies in the Public Revenue, to impose a Duty upon Beer ; and which said Bill is now before your Honorable House.

That your Petitioners express no opinion as to the desirability of making good deficiencies in the Public Revenue in the manner proposed.

That your Petitioners humbly submit that in imposing the duty before referred to your Honorable House will see the desirability of providing means for collecting such duty which, whilst affording the fullest protection to the Public Revenue, will at the same time enable your Petitioners to pay such duty without being fettered by unnecessary restrictions.

That your Petitioners further submit that the collecting of such duty by means of Stamps, as proposed by the said Bill, will impose upon your Petitioners liabilities to penalties and forfeitures, and cause them expense and vexatious annoyances which the greatest care on their part will not enable them to avoid.

That although stamps may be affixed to casks in the manner prescribed by the said Bill by your Petitioners, such stamps may be removed by accident or design after such casks leave the custody of your Petitioners, who, in consequence, may become liable to the penal clauses of the said Bill.

That, by the provisions of the said Bill, your Petitioners may be compelled to attend to answer informations at all parts of the Island to prove their innocence of the charges preferred against them by an informer, their beer seized and forfeited, and their customers, especially in remote parts of the Island, left without supplies, thereby hindering and injuriously affecting trade.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will take the necessary steps to provide means for collecting the proposed Duty upon Beer other than by stamp duties.

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

J. S. FAWNS, Cornwall Brewery, Launceston.
GLENWRIGHT & BOAG, Cataract Brewery, Launceston.
ELIZABETH NOAKE, Longford Brewery, by W. Flexman, agent.
EMMA J. WALKER, Walker's Brewery, Hobart Town.
H. J. JAMES, Tasmanian Brewery.
C. & J. DEGRAVES, Cascade Brewery.
JOHN SCOTT & Co., Tamar Brewery.
WM. GRACIE, *pro* J. H. Gracie, Artillery Brewery.