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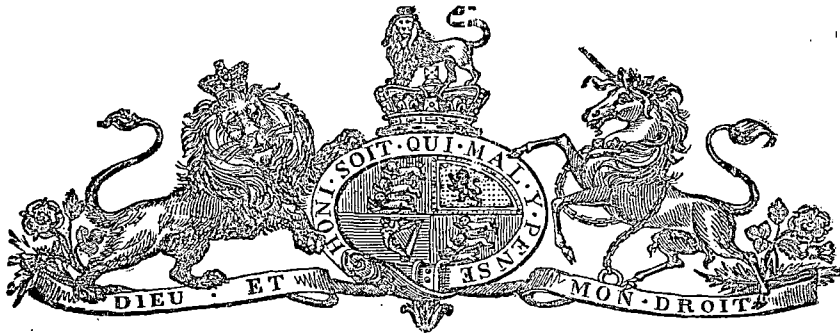
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P E T I T I O N, No. 10.

STAMPS.

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Presented by Mr. Adye Douglas, and ordered by the House to be printed,  
15 July, 1863.



*To the Honorable the House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned Merchants, Bankers, Lawyers, Tradesmen, and others, residing in Launceston.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT they regard the Bill now under the consideration of your Honorable House, for the purpose of augmenting the Revenue by a system of Stamp Duties, as calculated seriously to retard and complicate all mercantile transactions.

That, from the scattered nature of our population, the payment and transmission of money by means of Bank Cheques, Drafts, and Bills of Exchange must be rendered uncertain and precarious, and thereby induce delay in settlements and other business arrangements..

That, since the introduction of a system of Stamp Duties necessarily involves extensive additions to our Criminal Code, which in their application must to some extent affect personal liberty, your Memorialists respectfully submit that the imposition of such a system of duties is impolitic in the present condition of the Colony.

That the expense attending Stamps generally will fall almost entirely on the Trading community; and, believing that the present extended Tariff will realise the full amount of Revenue required by your Honorable House, your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that in your wisdom you will refuse to sanction the introduction of such a system of Stamp Duties as set forth in the Bill now before your Honorable House.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

[Here follow 133 Signatures.]