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SESSION IV.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

GRANTS OF LAND TO NATIVE YOUTHS AND
OLD COLONISTS.

PETITION.

Presented by Mr. Innes, November 13; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
November 15, 1877.



*To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council of
the Parliament of Tasmania.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Native Youths and Old Colonists of the Electoral District
of Campbell Town.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners consider the time has now arrived when it is necessary for some steps to be taken with a view to induce the Native Born and Old Colonists to remain in this Colony, and prevent the speedy departure of hundreds who are daily leaving our shores, and among whom are many of our best men.

Your Petitioners consider it most unfair to hold out inducements to foreigners to come and settle in this Colony by giving them free grants of land when most of those persons are of the most useless description, being totally unacquainted with the work required to be done in the Colony.

Your Petitioners would humbly suggest that every "Native Youth" of 21 years of age, and every Colonist who has resided in the Colony for the same period, be allowed a Free Grant of 200 Acres each of our Crown Lands, provided they occupied it for at least ten years, and annually expended a reasonable sum in the way of improvements.

Your Petitioners consider such a scheme would prove a great boon to the Colony, and be the means of causing many of our young men to return to their native land.

For the above reasons your Petitioners respectfully trust that your Honorable House will accord the subject due and favourable attention, as it is to them a matter of much importance.

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

[Here follow 77 Signatures.]