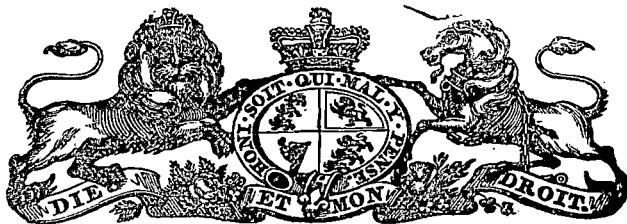


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1885.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

MR. SAMUEL HENRY:

PETITION FOR REDRESS FOR LOSS OF OFFICE.

Presented by Mr. Reibey, and ordered by the House to be printed,
August 4, 1885.



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

The humble Petition of Samuel Henry, of St. Leonard's,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :

THAT your Petitioner was relieved from his duties as Collector in the Estates Duties Office, Launceston, on the 1st of September, 1884, "in order that he may have time and opportunity of giving such explanation with regard to the apparent deficiencies reported by the Auditor as are necessary."

That your Petitioner furnished the explanation required, although scant time was allowed him for that purpose.

That your Petitioner was at the time confined to his bed, but was constrained to comply with the peremptory requirements of the Honorable Treasurer.

That a Board of Enquiry was subsequently appointed.

That your Petitioner received no notice of the appointment of such Board, nor when, nor where they would commence their duties; also, that the Auditor had been some hours under examination before your Petitioner could give his attendance.

That your Petitioner, feeling that he was totally unequal to meet the mental and physical strain in connection with the enquiry, requested to be allowed the assistance of a solicitor or a friend, to which the Board demurred.

That your Petitioner was prepared to prove that the staff of the Office in 1883, when the Office was placed under the supervision of the Commissioner in Hobart, consisted of your Petitioner, Mr. King, Mr. M'Queen, and the Clerk Assistant, and that all your Petitioner's earnest and repeated representations of its insufficiency were unavailing.

That the Board refused to receive evidence to show that the staff of the Office had been very considerably increased since your Petitioner had been relieved from duty.

As a further proof of the inadequacy of the staff whilst your Petitioner was Collector, it has been found necessary now, in reference to six of the Northern Districts, to have requisite work done in Hobart.

That your Petitioner is prepared to prove that the several findings of the Board in reference to all the requisite essentials of the enquiry—*i.e.*, the amount of the apparent deficiencies, and also as to the discharge of his official duties—are altogether erroneous and against the evidence.

That your Petitioner asserts that he has been harshly treated, and most unjustly deprived of his position in the Public Service, and his salary unlawfully confiscated.

Your Petitioner therefore applies to the Parliament of the Colony for redress for the injustice and grievous injuries he has sustained in mind, body, and estate, and prays that your Honorable House will take his Petition into your favourable consideration, and cause enquiry to be made and grant such measure of relief to your Petitioner as your Honorable House may deem fit.

And your Petitioner will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

SAMUEL HENRY.

St. Leonard's, 3rd August, 1885.