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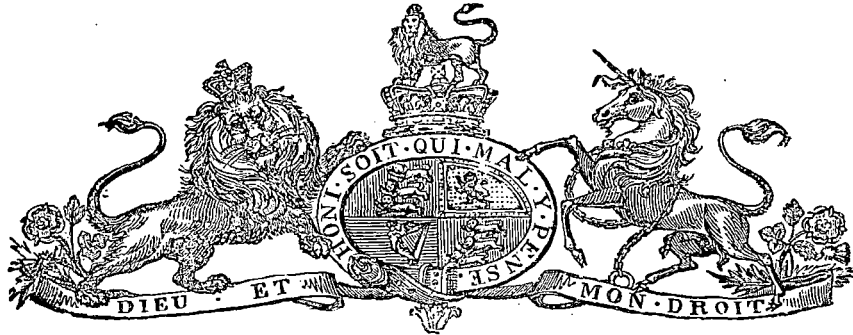
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Presented by Mr. Giblin, June 3, 1879; and ordered by the House to be printed.



*To the Members of the House of Assembly in Council assembled.*

THE humble Petition of Emanuel Hopkins, who prayeth the Members of your Honorable House to take into consideration the following narration of facts :—

For some years past the Petitioner has entered largely into contracts for the supply of oatmeal bags. Hitherto the material used in the manufacture of this article—a light grey calico—has been admitted under the head of bagging, at the rate of eight shillings and fourpence (8s. 4d.) per one thousand yards (1000 yards); but now the instructions at the Custom House are to include it in the list of drapery subject to a duty of five shillings (5s.) per foot, which amounts to about 30 per cent. upon the cost price of the article. On this account the Petitioner is unable to carry out existing contracts. Your Petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable House will make such alterations in the Customs Act that will permit this industry to increase, which in the single case of the Petitioner gives constant work to from ten to fifteen females, who would be thrown out of regular employment.

Your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

E. HOPKINS.

*Launceston, May 29th, 1879.*