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FROM LICENSED VICTUALLERS, RIVER MERSEY, &c.

Presented by Mr. Dunn, and ordered by the House to be printed, 20 October,
1858.



To the Honorable the Speaker and Honorable Members of the House of Assembly, Tasmania.

The humble Petition of the Licensed Victuallers of Torquay, Formby, Tarleton, and the vicinity of the River Mersey, County of Devon.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners respectfully beg a reduction of the present Licence for keeping Public-houses in this County, in conjunction with a like prayer from all Districts of Tasmania.

That Petitioners are desirous to show their inability of being able to meet the present amount of the extended sum of £50 per annum for a Licence, in consequence of the diminution of the Timber and Coal Trades. Such trades have been the staple assistance, which have materially decreased the surrounding population, solely depending upon these trades, numbers of which have and are leaving daily for the adjacent Colonies to seek employment.

That Petitioners now find they are unable to meet the required expenses of conducting their houses for public accommodation in such manner as the proprietors of such houses should at all times study to arrange, for the general comfort, and to gain patronage.

That Petitioners therefore, in consequence thereof, most emphatically pray that the Honorable Members of the House of Assembly will favourably view the necessity of acceding to the purport of this as well as all other similar Petitions now pending upon decision of Honorable Members of the House of Assembly.

And for which the undersigned Petitioners will ever pray.

Robert Latimer.
James Madden.
George Atkinson.
William King.
Joshua Lyons.
Matthew Mansfield.

Torquay, River Mersey, 27th September, 1858.