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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

CENTRAL OFFICE, MINING DEPARTMENT:

PETITION FOR LOCATION AT LAUNCESTON.

Presented by Mr. Scott, September 19; and ordered by the Council to be printed, September 21, 1882.



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

The humble Petition of Residents of Launceston, Miners, and others, present at a Public Meeting held in the Town Hall, Launceston, on 29th August, 1882.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT it is desirable that the Mining business of the Colony should be separated from that of the Lands and Works Office, and formed into a distinct Department, under a permanent official Head.

That, as nearly the whole of the Mining Districts are in the northern portion of the Colony, great expense, delay, and inconvenience are occasioned to all concerned by having to refer all Mining business to Hobart; and it is therefore desirable that the Chief Office of the Department should be established in Launceston, as most centrally situated for the convenience of the Mining community.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to take the foregoing into favourable consideration. And, as in duty bound, he will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of the said Meeting,

ALFRED HARRAP, *Chairman.*