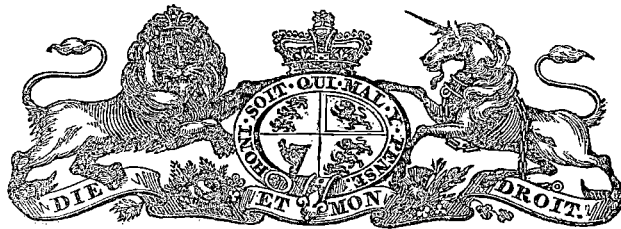


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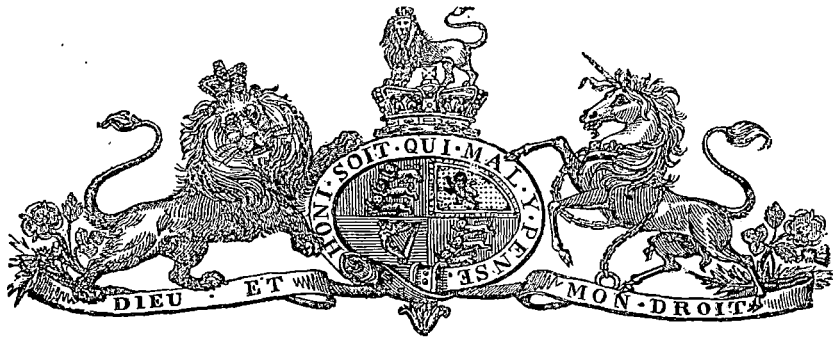
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Presented by Mr. Miller, and ordered by the House to be printed, 15 September, 1858.



WE, the undersigned Masters or Superintendents of Schools in Launceston, approach your Honourable House with respect and loyalty, praying you to give your favourable consideration to the Measure, proposed by Mr. Maxwell Miller, for the purpose of giving to the Tasmanian Youth some of the benefits of a University education.

We pray that it may considered on the following grounds :—

1. That it provides a standard of Education, by which the notions and ambition of parents will be elevated, the Schools brought into generous competition, and their character improved.

2. It is inexpensive; Examinations alone once or twice a year being necessary.

3. It is likely to be extensively influential. One or two Prizes to be read for would deter a great majority of the youth from vain attempts, and from the dangers of disgrace arising out of failure. Where all may win many will try.

4. The principle is not novel. The University of Dublin has long acted upon it. There, residence is not required, and creditably answering at two Examinations, for each of four years, is sufficient to obtain a Degree.

The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge have each lately passed a Statute "concerning the examination of those not Members of the University," by which residence is dispensed with, and examinations only necessary.

The University of Melbourne has lately followed the example.

5. Such a plan is most suitable to a young Colony, and is capable of expansion, as the population and the number of Students increase.

It promises to improve the present Educational resources of the Colony, at a cost that will scarcely be felt; and it provides for the future a germ that may grow with the Colony, without going to expense or making attempts that, being beyond our strength, must end in failure.

We petition your Honourable House to consider Mr. Maxwell Miller's proposal; and your Petitioners will ever pray.

HENRY PLOW KANE, *Head Master Launceston Grammar School.*

CHAS. PRICE, *Master of Launceston Grammar School.*

THOMAS J. CONNOR, *Launceston, late English Master at the High School, Hobart Town.*

HENRY JAS. ROCHE, *Second Master Launceston Grammar School, late Master in Marlborough College.*

FRANCIS HALES, *Clerk, A.B., Trinity College, Dublin, ex Teacher of ten years' standing.*