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TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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CATTLE AND SHEEP TAX.

PETITION FOR ITS REMOVAL.

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Presented by Mr. Jackson, and ordered by the House to be printed, October 28,  
1875.



*To the Honorable the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Colonists of Tasmania.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners view with the utmost alarm and dissatisfaction the present price of meat, and believe that there is every prospect of an increase in that price unless measures be taken without delay to prevent it.

Your Petitioners respectfully submit that persons with moderate incomes are now practically denied the necessary use of meat by reason of its scarcity and dearness; and that the price thereof is at present out of all proportion to other articles of food.

Your Petitioners submit that, with the present tax on imported stock, no reduction in price or improvement in supply can be reasonably expected; and inasmuch as the home production of fat stock is unequal to the demand, your Petitioners submit that the time has now arrived when the remission of the tax on foreign stock would prove most judicious, and materially aid in increasing the supply of good meat at a rate which would permit the community the enjoyment of a staple article of food at a price which, under present conditions, is unreasonable and unjust to consumers in this Colony.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to take into immediate consideration the prayer of your Petitioners, with a view of removing a tax which is injurious to the best interests of the Colony at large.

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

*[Signed by 1760 and by 87 Colonists.]*