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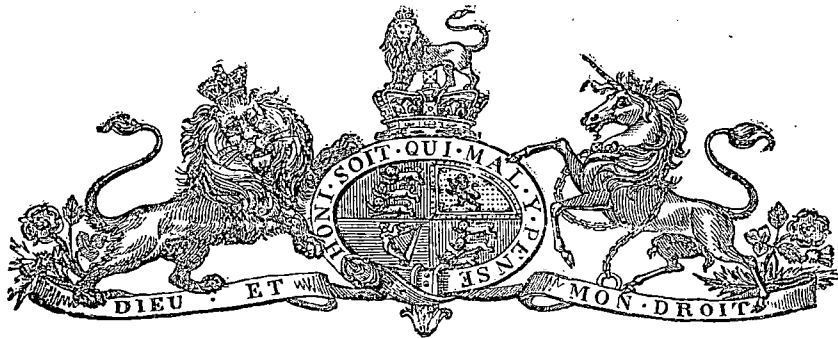
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P E T I T I O N No. 215.

MR. KIRWAN.

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Presented by Mr. Perkins, and ordered by the House to be printed, 30 October,  
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*To the Honorable the Speaker and the Members of the House of Assembly of Tasmania,  
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of James Woodhouse Kirwan, late Police Magistrate of Kingborough.

SHOWETH :

1. THAT certain statements have been made in your Honorable House in reference to certain reprimands to your Petitioner, the tendency of which has been to convey a most erroneous impression to the minds of the Members of the said House in respect to the real merits of his case and his right to pension.

2. That some of these reprimands were withdrawn and cancelled because they were unjust; that some were based on misrepresentation, and consequently on a misapprehension, of the real facts of the case; that, in one instance, the matter referred to had nothing whatever to do with Petitioner's position of Police Magistrate; and that in another instance your Petitioner never saw the complaint before he received the censure; and was thus, contrary to the first principles of justice, condemned without being heard in respect to a matter which, had he been allowed the opportunity, he could then, as he can now, demonstrate the utter falsehood as well as the malignity of the complaint.

3. That these facts, involving new matter, not having been placed before your Honorable House, it became impossible for the Members to do substantial justice to your Petitioner; that nothing save *ex parte* statements have as yet been submitted for its consideration; and that no explanation, no reply, no statement from your Petitioner has as yet engaged the attention of your Honorable House; without which your Petitioner conceives that a right understanding of, and judgment and decision upon, his case cannot be arrived at.

That, inasmuch as it must be the desire of your Honorable House, no less than that of your Petitioner, that strict and impartial justice should be done in his case, he prays that your Honorable House will take the premises and facts aforesaid into your serious consideration with this view, and be pleased to adopt such course—either by the appointment of a Committee or such other fitting mode—as may enable your House to be in possession of the whole facts of your Petitioner's case, and to arrive at a satisfactory judgment upon it.

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

J. W. KIRWAN, *late Police Magistrate, Kingborough.*

*Kingston, 24 October, 1861.*