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Presented by Mr. Button, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
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*To the Honorable the President and the Honorable the Members of
the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Members of the Chamber of Commerce, Launceston.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT, in the opinion of your Petitioners, the present principle of fixed Duties in the Tariff of the Colony should be adhered to; and your Petitioners strongly deprecate the system of *Ad valorem* Duties as encouraging fraud, and placing the honest trader at a disadvantage, and as opposed to every modern principle of Commercial Legislation.

That the working of the present Tariff has been most satisfactory, and that by it all classes are reached and made to contribute to the Revenue.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that, in any alteration your Honorable House may deem it necessary to make in the existing Tariff, the principle of fixed Duties, as at present, may be maintained.

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

Richard Green.
James Robertson.
J. Aikenhead.
H. Dowling.
C. J. Weedon,
William K. O'Keeffe.
William Cleveland.
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Browne, Kennedy & Co.
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Joseph Cohen.
Francis Evans.
George Gilmore.
William Hart.
John Fawns.
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Du Croz & Co.
Thomas Corbett.
J. G. Jennings.
C. Gavin Casey.
William Birch.
W. Williams.
Alfred Harrap.
Edw. Brooks.
Isaac Sherwin.
A. J. Marriott.