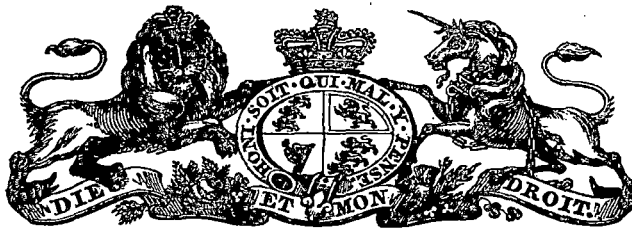


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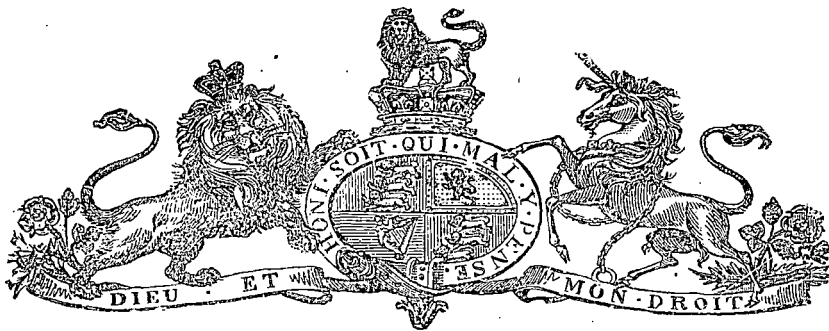
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

SUNDAY TRAINS:

PETITIONS AGAINST CESSATION OF.

Presented September 19, 1890, and ordered by the House of Assembly to be  
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*To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly.*

THIS PETITION HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT during the last Session of your Honorable House a Resolution was passed to the effect that Trains should cease to run on Sundays upon the Government Railways.

That such Resolution was the outcome of a Petition presented by the Hon. Member for Ringarooma, and said Petition, being signed by 174 signatories only, did not represent the desires or opinions of the inhabitants of this Colony ; and, further, that the signatures to the said Petition contained the names of many who were neither electors nor householders, being, in fact, persons of tender age.

That the Resolution was carried by two votes only, contrary to the expectations of the majority of the inhabitants of this Colony, who, had it appeared to them that the aforesaid Petition would have engaged the serious attention of your Honorable House, would have taken steps to have laid before your Honorable House the wishes of the said majority of the inhabitants of the Colony.

That after the aforesaid Resolution was passed by your Honorable House, counter Petitions were presented praying that it might be rescinded, such Petitions bearing the signatures of no less a number than 3080 persons.

Your Petitioners now humbly pray that it may please your Honorable House to cause the said Resolution to be rescinded, and to cause the running of Trains on Sundays to be resumed upon the Government Railways.

In support of their prayer, your Petitioners put forth the following reasons :—

1. That whilst the residents in and around Hobart are in the enjoyment of the privilege of the use of the Railway on Sunday, in so far as the Tasmanian Main Line Railway is concerned, those inhabitants of this Colony whose residence is contiguous to the Government Railways are debarred from a similar privilege.
2. That it is the practice for trains to be run upon Sundays in all countries where railways are owned by the State.
3. That whilst the Legislature permits the running of steamboats, coaches, omnibuses, and vehicles for hire on Sundays, as well as trains upon railways the property of private companies, it is inconsistent to prohibit the running of trains upon the Government Railways.
4. That in the case of many of your Petitioners whose incomes preclude them owning or hiring carriages, the debarment of the use of the railways, the property of the people, is a serious hardship.
5. That many of your Petitioners being clerks, artisans, shop assistants, and the like, are now prevented from visiting their friends and relations in the country as before, because when Sunday trains were running such Petitioners were able to go into the country on Saturday and return to their abodes on Sunday night, thus being able to follow their business occupations on Monday morning.
6. That your Petitioners feel sure that your Honorable House will, upon comparing this Petition with that previously referred to, see the justice of reversing a Resolution which is contrary to the wishes and welfare of a majority of the electors of this Colony, and which was obtained by a small, if active, number of Petitioners.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

*[Here follow 670 signatures.]*

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