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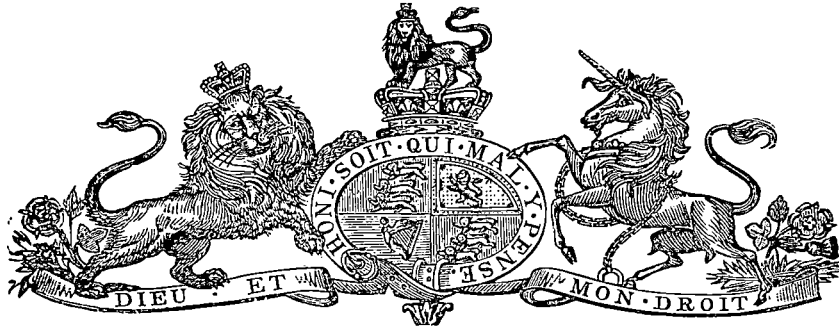
HOBART WATER BILL, 1891, [No. 60] :

PETITION FROM RATEPAYERS OF QUEENBOROUGH.

*(Mr. Fysh, November 5, 1891.)*

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Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed.



*To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Ratepayers of the District of Queenborough,

SHOWETH :

1. THAT a Bill is now before Parliament for consideration—"A Bill to amend "The Hobart Town Water Act, 1880." "

2. That the said Bill proposes to levy a separate Rate of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound—a Rate in excess of that levied in the City of Hobart, which is only One Shilling and Threepence in the Pound.

3. That your Petitioners are informed and believe that in order to induce the inhabitants to take the water in the first instance a statement was made that the amount to be paid would be less, and would never exceed that paid in Hobart, and that for many years a less amount was demanded and paid by the inhabitants than that paid in the City.

4. That a statement not warranted by the facts has been made, that the rentals are assessed at a lower Rate than Hobart. Such a statement is incorrect, the properties being fully assessed by a competent valuator.

5. That the statement made by one of the Aldermen of Hobart, that the inhabitants are willing to pay an additional rate, is incorrect.

6. That so far as a previous supply of water is concerned, your Petitioners have not received sufficient consideration for the amount paid, the supply being both bad in quality and limited in quantity.

7. That the Hobart Corporation have taken the rivulet which forms the natural supply of Sandy Bay, and are preventing the inhabitants of Sandy Bay making use of the same.

8. That the power to take such rivulet was given conditionally on the suburbs being supplied with water as well as the City.

9. That the inhabitants of Sandy Bay originally contributed to the costs of laying down the main pipes.

10. That your Petitioners, in order to obtain water, have in several instances been compelled to bear the costs of laying the main pipes, which the Corporation are bound to lay at their own expense, having obtained the water of the said rivulet on condition of supplying the suburbs as well as the City.

11. That the Corporation have failed to supply sufficient water to your Petitioners; in one case, on the Main Road, no less than ten houses being supplied from a half-inch pipe.

12. That, under the proposed Act, your Petitioners cannot obtain a supply of water for themselves without having also to pay the proposed Rate, if your Petitioners are residing within fifty yards of any main pipe.

13. That One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound is an excessive Rate for a water supply.

That your Petitioners are informed that the said Bill has passed the House of Assembly on the 3rd November instant, owing to the absence of the Members of the District from illness, and under the belief that the Bill could not be considered on that day.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that the said Bill may not be allowed to become law, and that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the matter of the above allegations, and that your Petitioners be heard by Counsel before this Honorable House in support of this Petition.

Your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

*[Here follow 60 signatures.]*