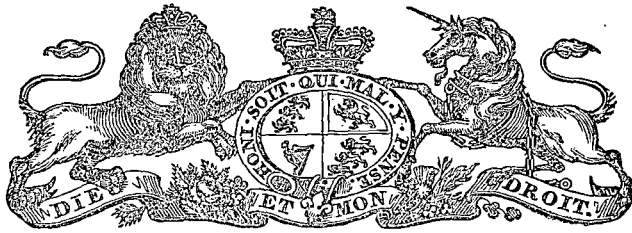


(No. 26.)



1877.

SESSION III.

T A S M A N I A.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

CENTRAL HOBART.

PETITION AGAINST MR. DAVID LEWIS'S ELECTION BY
MR. R. GAYER, *M.H.A.*

Presented by Mr. Gayer, 19 July, 1877, and referred by the House to the
Committee of Elections and Qualifications: ordered by the House to be printed,
24 July, 1877.



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

The humble Petition of ROBERT GAYER, of "The Grange," Queenborough, in Tasmania, Esquire,
a Member of the said House of Assembly.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

1. That, on the 11th day of June, 1877, a Writ was issued by His Excellency the Governor for the Election of a Member of your Honourable House for the Electoral District of Central Hobart.

2. That at such Election Two Candidates were nominated; viz.—David Lewis, of Hobart Town, in Tasmania, Esquire, and the Honorable William Robert Giblin, of Hobart Town, in Tasmania, Barrister.

3. That a Poll was had at such Election, on the 22nd day of June, 1877, pursuant to the said Writ.

4. That at such Election the said David Lewis was guilty, by himself and his Agents appointed as provided by "The Electoral Act," of bribery, treating, and undue influence at such Election, contrary to the provisions of "The Electoral Act."

5. That, by reason of such bribery, treating, and undue influence at such Election, the said David Lewis became and is by Law disqualified and incapable of being elected or sitting in the Parliament of Tasmania during the Parliament now in existence.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Honorable House will be pleased to refer this Petition in accordance with Law, so that a full and searching investigation and enquiry may be made into the allegations of your Petitioner; and that such steps may be taken to that end as the Law directs.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

ROBERT GAYER, *M.H.A.*

[In continuation of Paper No. 26, presented 19th July, 1877.]

REPORT from the COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS upon the Petition of ROBERT GAYER, Esquire, against the return of DAVID LEWIS, Esquire, with Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee.

[Brought up by Mr. Douglas, 8th August, 1877, and ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed.]

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

MR. DOUGLAS.
MR. HODGSON.
MR. BELBIN.

MR. PILLINGER.
MR. BALFE.

DAY OF MEETING.

8 August, 1877.

EXTRACT from the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Assembly, No. 5, 19th July, 1877.

2. A Petition was presented by Mr. Gayer, signed by himself as a Member of this House, against the Election of D. Lewis, Esq., as Member for Central Hobart.

Which being read, was referred, according to "The Electoral Act," to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

R E P O R T.

THE Committee of Elections and Qualifications duly appointed under the provisions of "The Electoral Act," to whom was referred on the 19th July, 1877, the Petition of Robert Gayer, Esquire, against the Election and Return of David Lewis, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Hobart, have determined and do hereby accordingly declare:—

1. That David Lewis, Esquire, was, on the 22nd day of June, 1877, duly elected a Member of the House of Assembly for the Electoral District of Central Hobart.

2. That the Petitioner having declined to proceed further in the matter of his Petition, and requested leave to withdraw it, the Committee have decided that the privilege of withdrawing the Petition shall be accorded to Mr. Gayer.

ADYE DOUGLAS, *Chairman.*

Committee Room, 8th August, 1877.