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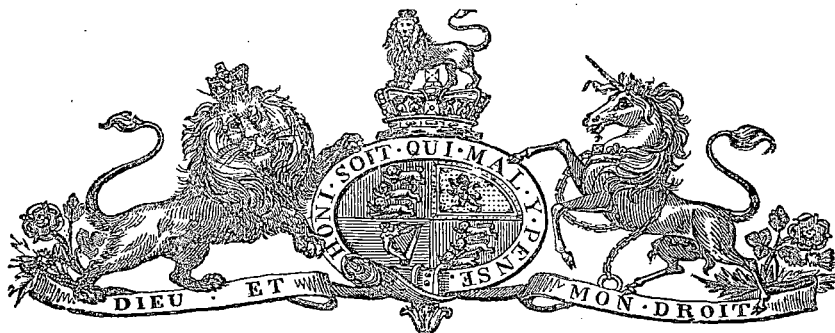
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P E T I T I O N No. 26.

ARCHDEACON DAVIES.—CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT
BILL [No. 16.]

Presented by Mr. Davies; referred to the Printing Committee; and ordered by the
House to be printed, 30 August, 1861.



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

The humble Petition of the Venerable Rowland Robert Davies.

SHOWETH :

That in the month of December, 1859, a few individuals formed a Benevolent Society in the City of Hobart Town.

That, during the year 1860, a sum exceeding £800 was subscribed by the friends of the Society, and a similar amount contributed by the Government.

That all cases of distress were relieved; and, at the end of the year, there was a balance exceeding £300.

That, during the six months ending 30th June, 1861, Soup Kitchens have been added, and the poor are enabled to buy wood at one-third the price of last year.

That, notwithstanding the increased and still increasing expenditure of this Society, the balance in the Bank exceeds £500.

Your Petitioner views with alarm a Clause (No. 3) in "A Bill to confer additional Powers to the Municipal Councils," as it will have the effect of destroying the usefulness of the Benevolent Society, and prevent that sympathy from the Public at large, which it has hitherto received.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that your Honourable House will erase Clause No. 3 from the Bill No. 16, 1861, and not compel the Municipal Body to collect by Rate, which has heretofore been amply done by voluntary contribution, aided by the Government.

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

R. R. DAVIES.