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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

D A M A G E B Y H A R E S :

**PETITION IN FAVOUR OF GAME PROTECTION AMENDMENT
BILL.**

Presented by Mr. Chapman, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
October 14, 1879.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Farmers and Landowners of the District of Glenorchy.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

1. THAT considerable damage has been done by the hares to the crops generally, but especially to the orchards, by barking the young trees and destroying the fruit buds within their reach.
2. That the hare is very wary and difficult to catch, and therefore requires no protection.
3. That in our experience it breeds very rapidly; owing to the mildness of the climate and the shortness of the winters compared with England.
4. That it will therefore shortly become as great a bane to the farmer as the rabbit is now, without great energy and vigilance in checking its increase.
5. That the present Game Protection Act, 1879, prohibiting the destruction of the hare during eight months of every year, inflicts a grievous injustice and heavy loss on the farmer.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will take such steps as may be necessary to amend the law relating to the protection of game, and that they will favourably consider the Bill for the amendment of the Game Protection Act, 1879, now before your Honorable House.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[*Here follow 32 Signatures.*]