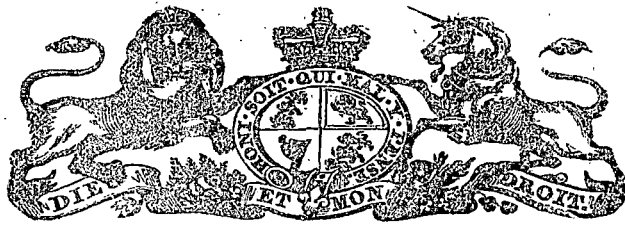


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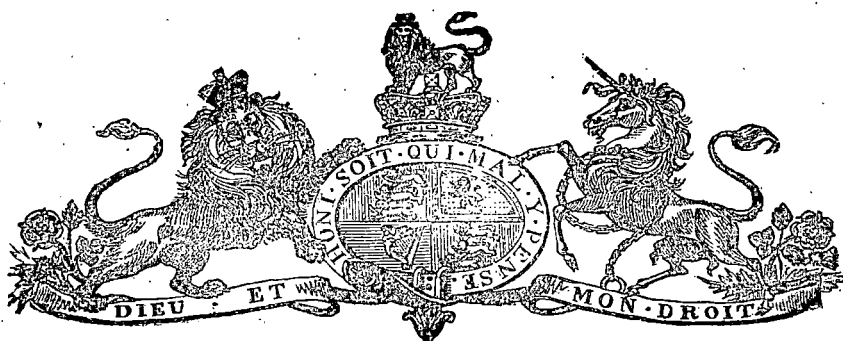
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

NATIVE TIGERS:

PETITION.

Presented by Mr. Gray, October 28, 1884; and ordered by the House
to be printed, October 29, 1884.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Sheepowners,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners suffer serious losses amongst their stock by the ravages of Native Tigers, &c. That the aggregate amount is very great, and properties are much reduced in value thereby.

Finding that the efforts of individual owners or occupiers are of no avail unless accompanied by a general effort on the part of all persons interested in the localities :

That no power at present exists to compel persons otherwise unwilling or careless to act, thus rendering nugatory the efforts of those desirous of remedying the evil, and in consequence thereof a great annual loss is sustained. Properties are reduced in value through the want of some authority to combat the evil complained of :

That a large portion of the waste lands of the Crown are "unoccupied" because of these animals, and thus, instead of being a source of revenue to the Colony, are a nursery for vermin and noxious animals :

That your Petitioners are of opinion that if an enabling Bill was passed by your Honorable House giving Local Districts powers, such districts to be defined by the Governor in Council, to deal with the evil, either by a rate upon stock or such means as your Honorable House shall determine, a great good would ensue, and this evil be ultimately overcome :

Therefore your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable House will take such steps as in your wisdom shall seem meet to enable your Petitioners to deal with this, to them so serious evil.

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

[Here follow 26 Signatures.]