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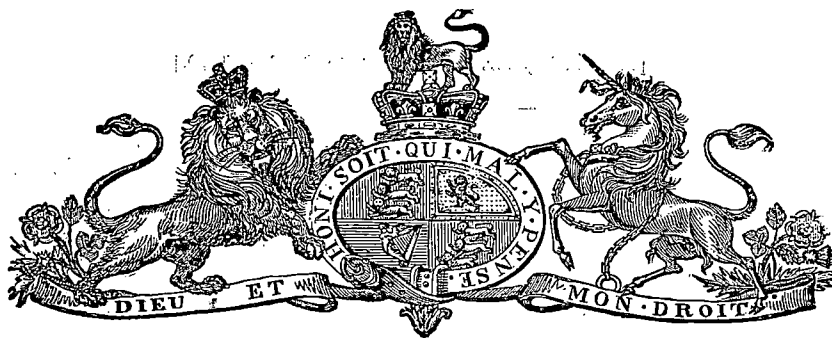
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P E T I T I O N F O R , A N D A G A I N S T , I T S A M E N D M E N T .

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Presented by Mr. Giblin, and Mr. Gellibrand, and ordered by the House to be  
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[Presented by Mr. Giblin, 9th October, 1879.]

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

The respectful Petition of the undersigned Fishermen and others resident in Hobart Town.

**RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :**

THAT, owing to the River Derwent having been closed against Fishermen *for the last seventeen years*, the supply of fish for the market has been limited to such as can only be procured with difficulty outside the river.

And also that such supply consists of only a few of the varieties of fish which are found in the surrounding waters.

They wish also to draw the attention of your Honorable House to the fact that in stormy weather the fishermen are deprived of the means of procuring their living near the town.

They therefore respectfully pray that your Honorable House will see fit to amend the Salmon Act, so as either to allow the River Derwent to be thrown open to fishermen altogether or as far as Cornelian Bay in the said river, or only to close it for certain months in each year when the salmon are migrating.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Jas. Harcourt.  
F. J. Pike.  
J. Watchorn.  
M. F. Daly.  
E. Maher.  
Geo. S. Seabrook.  
William Guesdon.  
H. Chapman.  
P. J. Sinclair.  
Thos. Sheehy.  
Saml. Biggins.  
Peter Oldham.  
J. B. Ledwell.  
W. A. Webb.  
A. T. Stuart.  
M. Burgess.  
G. M. Potter.  
Thomas E. Self.  
Albert Gaylor.  
J. Bidencope.  
Jno. Read.  
Jas. Stott.  
Andrew P. Miller.  
Henry Hinsby.  
Walter Rice.  
W. Montgomerie.  
James Smith.  
W. Fisher.  
Edward Valentine.

Thos. Nevin.  
G. B. Sealey.  
Wm. Burgoyne.  
B. R. Dyer.  
J. C. Hamilton.  
Jno. Pregnell.  
Chas. Pregnell.  
Robt. R. Rex.  
Edward J. Freeman.  
Robert A. Knight.  
Geo. W. Rex.  
Henry Tremlett Hull.  
Thomas Goldsmith.  
Kemp & Lloyd.  
C. G. Eady.  
T. M'Gowan.  
E. Gifford.  
P. J. Sinclair, jun.  
Jno. W. Graves.  
R. Harry.  
H. H. Bailly.  
A. R. Miles.  
James Bett.  
John Webb.  
T. E. Hewitt.  
Jno. T. Morris.  
A. G. Pogue.  
C. P. Frodsham.  
J. W. Livingston.

James Isherwood.  
William Robertson.  
John Ayton.  
P. O'Shea.  
Thos. Shirley.  
E. Mulcahy.  
Matthew Ready.  
A. W. Hume.  
John Geo. Burn.  
B. S. Morrison.  
Jas. W. Collins.  
D. M'Gregor.  
D. H. Crisp.  
T. E. Creswell.  
Wm. J. Watchorn.  
John Andrews.  
Richd. Propsting.  
J. Philp.  
R. Sargent.  
Robert Hempseed.  
H. Chesterman.  
Chas. Green.  
G. Bentley Wright.  
J. W. Garth.  
James R. Fryer.  
Charles Dowdell.  
F. B. Wilkinson.  
D. T. Wilkinson.  
Thomas M'Loughlin.

[Presented by Mr. Gellibrand, 24th October, 1879.]

*To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Fishermen and others.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT a Petition has recently been presented to your Honorable House by Fishermen and others praying your Honorable House to so amend "The Salmon Act" as to either allow the River Derwent to be thrown open to Fishermen altogether, or as far as Cornelian Bay in the said river, or only to close it for certain months in the year when Salmon are migratory; and which Petition alleges that fish for the market have been limited on account of the river being closed.

Your Petitioners beg to observe that the river is now open to Fishermen with graball nets as far as Cornelian Bay during the day-time, and that any nets may be used in the river below Garth's Point on the one side and Droughty Point on the other.

Your Petitioners assert that the closing of the river has had a most beneficial effect in producing a plentiful supply of fish, which through the former use of nets had become almost exhausted.

That the use of seine nets is calculated to destroy the future of any fishery, as in this practice vast numbers of young fish, unsuitable for food, are helplessly suffocated by sand and debris.

Having in view the large expenditure incurred by the Colony in introducing Salmon, your Petitioners would humbly beg your Honorable House to pause ere sanctioning any alteration of the existing Law which would grant the prayer of the Petition referred to, and which alteration would have the effect, in all probability, of destroying the work of years, by the capture of immense numbers of Salmon to the serious loss of the whole Colony.

Your Petitioners would also observe, that the opinions of gentlemen of undoubted standing in the United Kingdom have been obtained on the subject of netting, and they all agree that such a practice should be avoided as much as possible.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will not amend "The Salmon Act" as proposed in the Petition recently presented to you.

Thomas Rush.  
George Poole.  
James Everall.  
Frank Miles.  
Thomas Whitney.  
George Barber.  
James Jolley.  
Brummy Merry.  
George Massey.  
James Cubey.  
Thomas Seymour.  
John Walker.  
Henry Silvester.  
George Main.  
John Hartley.  
Edward Adlard.  
George John King.  
R. Roberts.  
W. Paling.  
Henry Norris.

Frank Rush.  
John Copper.  
William Téed.  
George Humper.  
Jacob Timbs.  
George Creswell.\*  
William Green.  
James Morling.  
William Martin.  
John Martin.  
John Smith.  
William Veal.  
James Gowan.  
Jack Albury.  
Alfred Woods.  
Thomas Hadley.  
William Barber.  
Henry Chambers.  
James Hull.  
Henry Graham.

George Howard.  
Thomas Turner.\*  
Chas. Cearns.\*  
George Amer.  
Teddy Harris.  
William Smith.  
Thomas Pretty.  
Philip Stafford.  
James Madden.  
E. Fitzgerald.  
Henry Smith, Jun.  
W. Colville.  
John Massey.  
William Fisher.  
William Adams.  
John Bolton.  
George Maddocks.  
George Lucas.  
Thomas Wise.

\* The above signatures are Fishermen except those marked with an asterisk.