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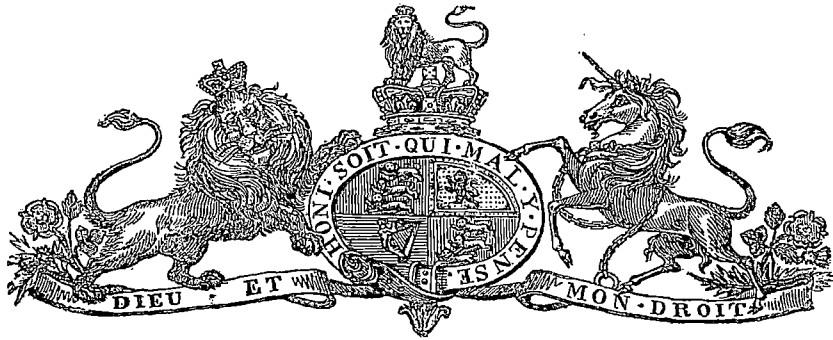
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TASMANIA.

WILLIAM LAMBE.

PETITION.

Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed, 14 January, 1857.



To the Honourable the Legislative Council of Tasmania.

The humble Petition of William Lambe and Mary his Wife.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioner, William Lambe, is a Saddler by trade, and that he paid his own and his wife's passage in the *City of Hobart* steamer, for Victoria, on Tuesday the 6th of January, having that day been duly cleared at the Custom House by the Captain of the said vessel.

That your Petitioner and his wife are both free ; and on being mustered on board with the other passengers, they were challenged by Mr. Fenwick, a Magistrate, and by two Constables, and desired to "prove that they were free." That, notwithstanding their repeated declarations and protestations that they were free, they were nevertheless forced across the deck of the steamer and put in a boat alongside in charge of the Constables, and brought on shore, and taken to the Watch-house. That, on arriving there, your Petitioners again protested against this illegal violence, and desired that their situation might be made known to P. T. Smith and R. Q. Kermodé, Esquires, who formerly knew them : upon which they were liberated.

That your Petitioners are thus not only disappointed of their passage, and exposed to great inconvenience and loss of time, but they are also deprived of the use of their wearing apparel, and separated from their goods now on board the steamer, and which may possibly never be recovered without great trouble and expense.

Your Petitioners further represent to your Honourable House that they were rudely and offensively treated by two of the Constables.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will take these facts under your consideration, and render them that redress for the wrong and injury they have sustained which to your Honourable House shall appear meet.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

WILLIAM LAMBE.

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