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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

CUSTOMS DUTIES ON LIVE STOCK AND MEAT:

P E T I T I O N S.

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DUTY ON LIVE STOCK AND MEAT.

PETITIONS.

<i>From whom and whence.</i>	<i>No. of Signatures.</i>	<i>By whom presented.</i>	<i>When presented.</i>	<i>When ordered to be printed.</i>
FOR REPEAL.				
Mayor of Launceston	1	Mr. Douglas	Sept. 10	Sept. 11
Residents of Westbury	57	Mr. Crowther	11	Oct. 3
AGAINST REPEAL.				
Farmers, Stockbreeders, and others resident in Tasmania *	10	Mr. Moore	Sept. 16	} Oct. 3
Ditto *	17	Ditto	Ditto	
Ditto *	30	Ditto	Ditto	
Ditto *	40	Ditto	Ditto	
Ditto *	41	Ditto	Ditto	} Sept. 23
Ditto *	44	Ditto	Ditto	
Ditto *	42	Ditto	Sept. 17	} Sept. 23
Ditto *	9	Ditto	23	
Ditto *	5	Ditto	Ditto	} Oct. 3
Ditto *	28	Ditto	Ditto	
Ditto *	2	Ditto	Ditto	} Sept. 23
Ditto *	11	Ditto	Ditto	
Ditto †	32	Mr. Cameron	Sept. 17	
Ditto	52	Mr. Dodery	Ditto	

* All these being in the same terms, only one is printed. † This and the following Petition are in the same terms.

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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Town of Launceston,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH—

That, at a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the said Town, held at the Town Hall on the 8th day of September, 1884, the following Resolutions were adopted; namely:—

- 1st. That this Meeting strongly supports the proposals of the Government in introducing measures to abolish the Customs Duties on Stock and Meat.
- 2nd. That in the opinion of this Meeting the existing restriction upon the importation of fresh meat into Hobart and Launceston is impolitic, unfair, oppressive, and detrimental to the best interests of the Colony, and should be immediately removed by the repeal of the Second Clause in the proviso to the First Section of the Act 44 Victoria, No. 24 (being an Amendment of the "Slaughter Acts"), and this Meeting earnestly requests the Government to introduce a measure to give effect to this Resolution.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly and respectfully pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to concur with the prayer of this Petition.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will every pray, &c.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

L. FAIRTHORNE, *Chairman.*

To the Honorable the Legislative Council.

WE, the undersigned Residents of the Municipality of Westbury, hereby petition your Honorable House that, taking into consideration the very high price of meat in this Colony at the present time, your Honorable House will be pleased to repeal the burdensome Tax on Cattle, Sheep, and Imported Meat.

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

[*Here follow 57 signatures.*]

*To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania,
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Farmers, Stock Breeders, and others, resident in Tasmania,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH—

That, considering the heavy tariffs imposed by Victoria on the produce of Tasmania, it would be detrimental to the interests of the farmers and graziers, and to the welfare of the country generally, to repeal the Stock Tax and Duty upon Meat at the present time.

That your Petitioners would call attention to the fact that the herds of Tasmania, at the present time happily free from disease, would be greatly endangered by the importation of diseased cattle.

That in view of the projected formation of a Federal Council for the Australian Colonies, the system of taxation could then be more equitably adjusted.

Your Petitioners therefore ask that your Honorable House will not permit the repeal of the said Duty.

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

[*Here follow 10 signatures.*]

*To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania,
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Farmers, Stock Breeders, and others, resident in Tasmania,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH—

That it is the opinion of Petitioners that it would be detrimental to the interests of the farmers and graziers, and to the welfare of the country generally, to repeal the Stock Tax and Duty upon Meat at the present time.

Your Petitioners therefore ask that your Honorable House will not permit the repeal of the said Duty.

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

[*Here follow 32 signatures.*]