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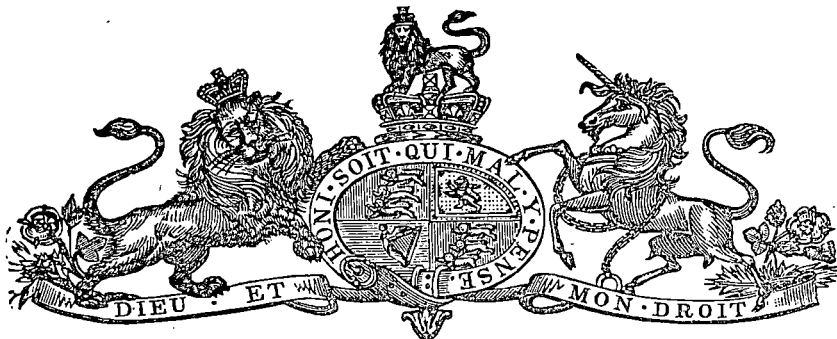
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

POLICE REGULATION BILL, (No. 35):

PETITIONS AGAINST PASSING INTO LAW.

Presented by Messrs. Lette and Hart, and ordered by the House of Assembly to
be printed, November 18, 1887.



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

The humble Petition of the Warden and Councillors of the Rural Municipality of Deloraine, and
of the Justices of the Peace resident within that Municipality,

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are aware that a Bill to make better provision for the Appointment and Regulation of the Police Force has been introduced into your Honorable House, which, if passed into Law, would deprive your Petitioners of all control over that body.

And your Petitioners pray your Honorable House, for the under-mentioned reasons, not to allow the said Bill to become Law :—

1. Because no complaint has ever been made against the Police Force of this Municipality, except on one occasion, and which, upon careful investigation, was shown to be utterly without foundation.

2. Because your Petitioners gather from their intercourse with the inhabitants of the Municipality that a general feeling of satisfaction exists with the present system.

3. Because your Petitioners have at different times and on various occasions spent sums of money of considerable amount in the erection, enlarging, and repairing the Police Buildings out of Municipal funds, and which it is proposed by the said Bill should become the property of the Crown, or, in other words, should be (as it seems to your Petitioners) unjustly confiscated.

4. Because the character, conduct, and efficiency of the officers and men of a Police Force must necessarily be better known to your Petitioners than to a Commissioner resident in Hobart, such knowledge being essential in the election, promotion, or dismissal of a body of Police.

5. Because the principle of local self-government, as opposed to that of centralization, and which was brought into practical operation by the Rural Municipalities Act, will be by this Bill to a great extent superseded, which, as your Petitioners believe, is a distinctly retrogressive action.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 13 Signatures.]

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

The Petition of the undersigned Members of the Launceston Municipal Police Force,

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT the Bill "to make better provision for the Appointment and Regulation of the Police Force of the Colony of Tasmania," now before your Honorable House, appears to your Petitioners to injuriously affect their liberty, rights, and property :

1. In seeking to transfer them from the governing body under which they covenanted to serve without deeming it necessary to obtain their consent and renewed covenant to serve, and not guaranteeing to them continuance of their rank and equal pay and emoluments to that which they now receive, or providing, in the case of those unwilling to be transferred, that they shall be discharged with such compensation or pensions as they would be entitled to receive under existing Police Provident Fund Rules.

2. In proposing to transfer Petitioners' Police Provident Fund, now amounting to over Eight thousand Pounds (£8000), from the sole purpose for which it was formed, to the use of a general body, and thus deprive Petitioners and their families of that sufficient provision in old age which is provided under their Police Provident Fund Rules, and to which Petitioners had hitherto looked forward with certain confidence because guaranteed by Act of Parliament.

Your Petitioners humbly pray your Honorable House will cause to be embodied in the Bill specific provisions securing to Petitioners—

1. The right to elect to serve under a new *régime* in like rank and with like pay and emoluments as Petitioners are now receiving, or to retire on such compensation or pension as each Petitioner would under the Police Provident Fund Rules be entitled to.
2. That in the case of those, if any, whom it may be proposed to reduce in rank and salary, they shall if they choose to retire be dealt with in the manner provided in 24 Vict. No. 15, in cases of abolition of office.
3. That all members who may elect to serve shall, on retirement, be compensated or pensioned in accordance with scales regulating same in the existing Rules made under "The Launceston Police Provident Fund Act."
4. That the Treasurer of the Launceston Corporation, Thomas Gladman, and the Messenger, Special Constable Edwin Hooper Dix, who from its formation have been contributors to the Fund, shall be entitled to contribute, and hereafter to participate in the benefits, in like manner as the members of the Launceston Municipal Police.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[*Here follow 37 Signatures.*]