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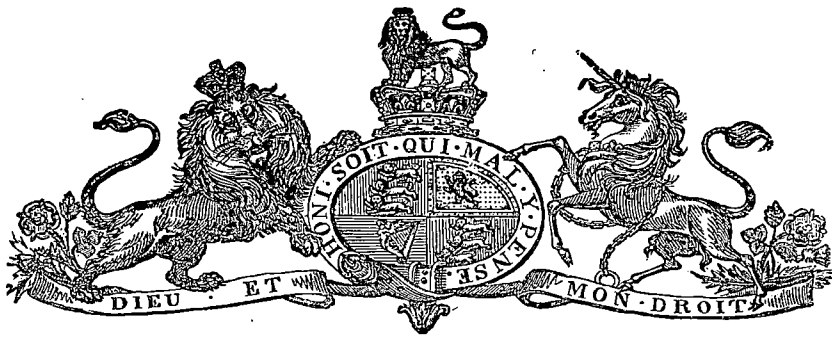
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

CRAYFISH PROTECTION ACTS:

PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN CLAUSES.

Presented by Col. St. Hill, September 28, and ordered by the House of Assembly to
be printed, October 15, 1886.



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

We, the undersigned fishing-boat owners and fishermen of Hobart, do most humbly and respectfully submit this Petition for your esteemed consideration, relating to that portion of Clauses 26 of 29 Vict. No. 6, 2 of 34 Vict. No. 24, and Act for Crayfish Protection, which sets forth that it shall be lawful for any constable without warrant to enter any fishing-boat, &c.,—with the view of obtaining an amendment of the said Clauses of the said Acts.

Your Petitioners beg most respectfully to represent the great injustice they suffer owing to the arbitrary nature of the clauses referred to, which render it lawful for any fishing-boat to be entered and searched by a police officer without the production of a search warrant being necessary.

Your Petitioners do most humbly and earnestly pray that the Acts referred to may be so amended that it shall be necessary for any police officer who may be desirous of searching any boat to produce a warrant authorising him to do so, if only for the purpose of satisfying the owner or occupant of such boat as to the identity of such police officer or authorised person, especially in view of the fact that a majority of fishermen absolutely dwell in their boats during their stay in town.

Your Petitioners feel that the existing law is an infringement of the liberty of the subject, and they do most humbly and respectfully pray that in your wisdom and sense of justice this Petition may receive favourable consideration at your hands.

Your Petitioners beg most respectfully to subscribe themselves—

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