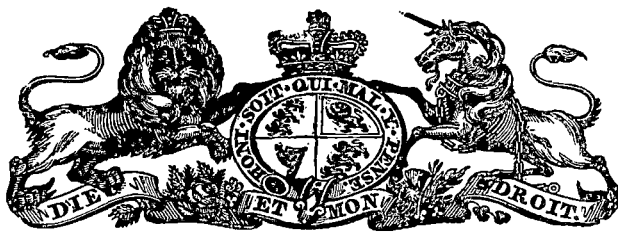


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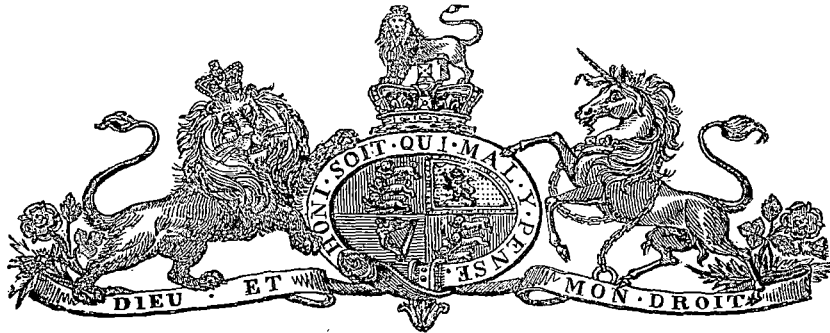
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Presented by Mr. Miller and ordered by the House to be printed, 2 November,
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To the Honorable Members of the House of Assembly.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Draymen, Waggoners, Wood Carriers, and others.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are daily using the Main Line of Road to and from Launceston with their respective vehicles ; and are thus compelled to pay a Tax at the Toll Gate situate at the Sand Hill, within a mile of the said Town of Launceston ; and that the payment of such Tax is incompatible with the conditions contemplated in a Bill lately sanctioned by your Honorable House, to remove Toll Gates which are within certain limits of Towns.

That the said Tax exacted is not the least burdensome of the many other imposts which your Petitioners are called upon to pay for the maintenance of the General Revenue of the Colony ; and that it is the more irksome, when it is apparent to all that the Colony at present is already labouring under great depression from Taxation, affecting also the interests of your Petitioners.

That the exaction of the said Toll Dues every time of passing through the said Toll Gate, so contiguous to the Northern Capital of the Colony, must of necessity tend most materially to retard the development of local resources : whereas the amount of Revenue thus collected from this source could with more justice and equity be borne on the Land, where the pressure would be less felt, and more equitable than when levied on your Petitioners and the working classes.

Therefore your Petitioners humbly and respectfully pray your Honorable House to take such measures, as you in your wisdom may think fit, to abolish the said Toll Gate at the Sand Hill, near Launceston.

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

Launceston, 12th October, 1858.

[Here follow 75 Signatures.]