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G A M B L I N G :

PETITIONS AGAINST SWEEPS, CONSULTATIONS, &c.

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*To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Adult Residents of Emu Bay,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :

THAT your Petitioners deplore that Gambling Lotteries, Consultations, and Sweeps, which, by special legislation in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and New Zealand, have been made illegal, have been established in Tasmania, and are providing special facilities for the increase of gambling in the community generally.

Your Petitioners consider that legislation similar to that enacted by the afore-mentioned Colonies is necessary in this Colony, both in the interests of thrift and of public morals.

Furthermore, to permit the continuance in this Colony of such Lotteries, Consultations, or Sweeps would, in the opinion of your Petitioners, be an unfederal act.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray, that your Honourable House will, by the adoption of sufficient measures, prevent the continuance of these evils in this Colony, and thus enable Tasmania to act in unison with the neighbouring Colonies.

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

[Here follow 10 Signatures.]

*To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Adult Residents of Emu Bay and District,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :

THAT your Petitioners view with alarm the introduction of Sweeps or Consultations into this Colony, as being productive of many social evils in providing special facilities for gambling among the community generally.

Your Petitioners beg respectfully to call attention to the fact that, in view of the evils attending sweeps, the colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and New Zealand have adopted effective measures to banish them from their midst.

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray your Honourable House to take such action as shall accomplish the same end in Tasmania.

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

[Here follow 19 Signatures.]

Similar Petitions were presented—

1. By Mr. Watchorn (July 21), from 26 residents of Woodbridge, &c., and from 45 residents of Franklin, &c.
2. By Mr. Lamb (July 21), from residents of Sorell.
3. By Mr. Moore (July 22), from 211 residents of Westbury, Table Cape, &c.
4. By Mr. Lamb (July 22), from 14 residents of Dunalley and neighbourhood.

5. By Mr. Page (July 22), from 100 residents of Campbell Town, &c.
6. By Mr. Lamb (July 31), from residents of Tasman's Peninsula.
7. By Mr. Gellibrand (August 11), from 8 persons.
8. By Mr. Moore (August 11), from 83 persons.
9. By Mr. Lamb (August 11), from 20 residents of Buckland, &c.
10. By Mr. Butler (August 11), from 25 residents of Hobart.
11. By Mr. Lord (August 11), from 23 residents of Brighton, &c.
12. By Mr. Piesse (August 11), from 16 residents of Glenorchy.
13. By Mr. Crosby (August 11), from Bishops and Clergy (4) of the Churches of England and Rome.
14. By Mr. M'Call (August 12), from 22 residents of Castra and Sprent ; 206 residents of Ulverstone ; 85 residents of Forth, &c.
15. By Mr. M'Call (August 18), from 175 residents of Kentishbury, &c.
16. By Mr. Collins (August 18), from 298 residents of Westbury, &c.
17. By Mr. Dodery (August 18), from 159 residents of Longford and Cressy.
18. By Mr. Rooke (August 18), from 83 residents of Evandale.
19. By Mr. Grubb (August 18), from 16 residents of Deloraine, and 243 residents of Deloraine, Chudleigh, &c.
20. By Mr. Grubb (August 19), from 1046 residents of Launceston and suburbs, and 221 residents of Latrobe.
21. By Mr. Gibson (August 19), from 26 residents of Scottsdale ; 25 of Fingal ; 11 of St. Mary's.
22. By Mr. Rooke (August 19), from 73 and 120 residents of Selby.
23. By Mr. M'Call (August 21), from 7 residents of Latrobe.
24. By Mr. Gellibrand (August 21), from residents of West Coast.

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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Mothers in the Colony of Tasmania,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :

THAT your Petitioners deplore that a certain person who, by special legislation in New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland has been prohibited from conducting Lotteries, Consultations, or Sweeps in those Colonies, has established the same business in Hobart.

That your Petitioners humbly pray that legislation similar to that enacted by the above-mentioned Colonies be enacted in Tasmania, both in the interests of thrift and public morals.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[*Here follow 492 Signatures.*]

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Similar Petition, presented by Mr. Gibson, from 518 Mothers in Tasmania.