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TAXATION PROPOSALS:

PETITION FROM CABMEN AND OTHERS.

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Presented by Mr. Crisp, Tuesday, July 17, 1888; and ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed.



*To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House  
of Assembly.*

PETITION.

WE, the undersigned Cabmen, Draymen, Livery Stable-keepers, and others, humbly petition your Honorable House, as follows :—

1. There are in Hobart and Launceston several hundred cabmen and draymen who are wholly dependent for their support and that of their families upon their cabs and drays.

2. During the late dry season, owing to the high price of hay, straw, and chaff, your Petitioners had great difficulty in earning a living on that account.

3. Your Petitioners hear with dismay that there is a proposal before your Honorable House to levy a tax equal to  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. *ad valorem* import duty on hay, straw, and chaff. Your Petitioners humbly point out that if such proposition becomes law the price of hay, chaff, and straw will probably rise to £8 or £9 per ton.

4. If the said proposal becomes law, more than half the cabmen and draymen and men employed in livery stables in Hobart and Launceston will be driven out of employ, and they and their families ruined, as it would be impossible to earn a living with hay, chaff, and straw at £8 or £9, and the fares at the low rates now allowed by law; while, if the fares are raised, the cost of transit in Hobart and Launceston will be greatly increased, and no advantage to your Petitioners generally.

Your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable House will not impose any such *ad valorem* duty on hay, straw, and chaff.

[Here follow 107 Signatures.]