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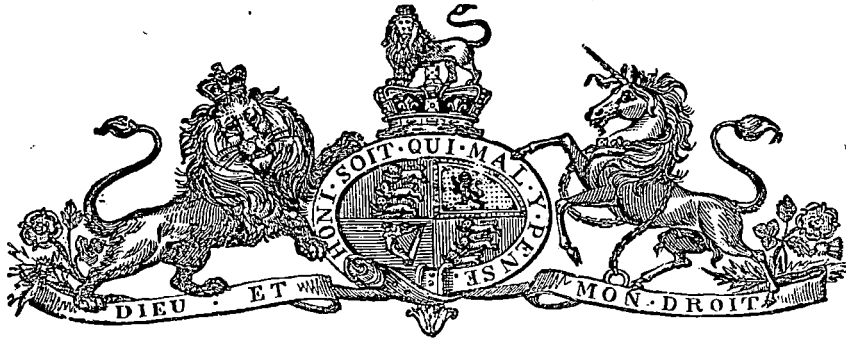
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TASMANIA.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

CUSTOMS DUTIES.

PETITION FROM MR. W. HART.

Presented by Mr. Aikenhead, September 27; and ordered by the Council to be printed, September 28, 1870.



*To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Tasmania,
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Residents of Launceston and its vicinity in Public Meeting assembled.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT, in the opinion of your Petitioners, the proposed additions to the Customs Tariff if passed will prove most disastrous to the commercial interests of the Colony. They will have a tendency to restrict commercial intercourse, will press upon industry, throw many out of employment, and will be most oppressive in their operation upon all classes of the community.

That it is very questionable whether the proposed additions will yield the revenue imagined, since the duties will prohibit the importation of the articles affected, and also increase to consumers the cost of the necessaries of life.

That the imposition of such duties at the present time is inconsistent with the principles of the Bill which has just passed your Honorable House to promote Intercolonial Free Trade, and is, besides, opposed to the professed Policy of the present Government.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable Council will be pleased to take the premises into your serious consideration, and to reject the Bill to amend the Customs Duties Act.

And your Petitioners, &c. will ever pray.

WILLIAM HART, *Chairman of the Meeting.*