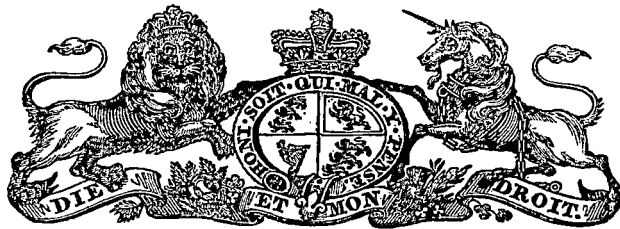


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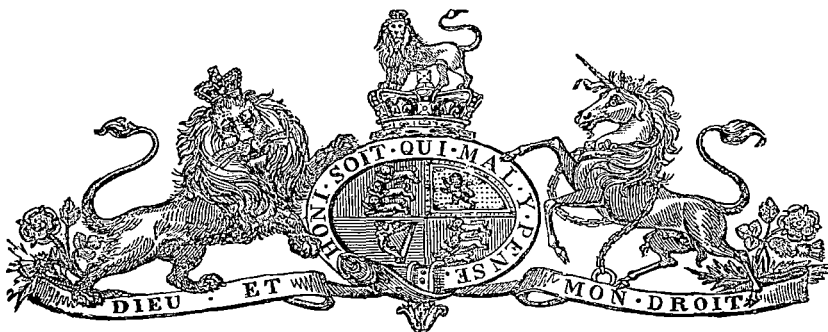
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P E T I T I O N

AGAINST REPEAL OF SUNDAY CLAUSE IN THE LICENSING ACT.

Presented by Mr. Bedford, and ordered by the Council to be printed, 22 October, 1857.



To the Honourable the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Hobart Town.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have been much in communication with the Working Classes of this community.

That, from the knowledge thus gained of their habits and peculiarities, they firmly believe that the prohibition by legal enactment of the sale of intoxicating liquors on the Sabbath Day is highly calculated to promote the physical, social, and moral interests of these classes, and of the community at large.

That the degree of privation it would involve to a few would be vastly outweighed by the good that would thereby result to the many.

That, under this conviction, your Petitioners cannot but view with apprehension the efforts now making to bring about a Repeal of the 38th Section of the Licensing Act, usually termed "The Sunday Clause."

That this feeling is largely participated in by a numerous and intelligent portion of this community, is sufficiently demonstrated by the many Petitions presented to the Legislature during the Session of 1855 praying for the prohibitory clause.

Your Petitioners do therefore respectfully pray, that the attention of your Honourable House may be directed to the number and character of the Petitions referred to, as enumerated below ; humbly trusting that, in your decision on a subject so important, the expression of public opinion thus indicated will not fail to have its due measure of influence.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c., &c.

Geo. W. Walker, Actuary of Hobart Town Savings Bank.
G. Hutton, Elizabeth-street.
Henry Hopkins.
Horace Rowcroft, J.P.
John Perkins, Liverpool-street.