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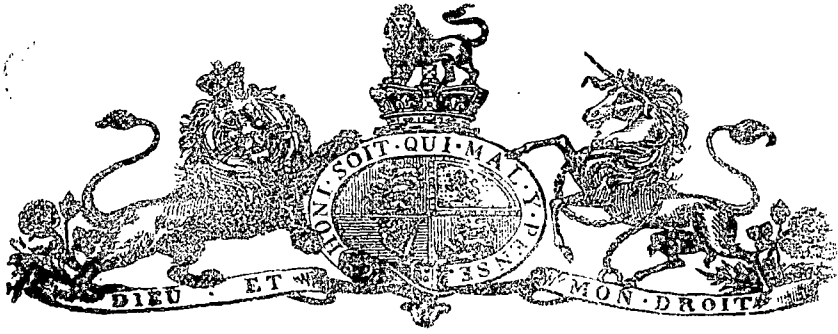
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OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON BILL,  
1885, [No. 22.] :

PETITION FOR INCREASED PROTECTION TO YOUNG FEMALES.

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Laid upon the Table by Mr. Fysh, October 7, and ordered by the Legislative  
Council to be printed, October 8, 1885.



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

We, the undersigned Ministers and Office-bearers of the Wesleyan Church, Melville-street, Hobart, in Quarterly Meeting assembled,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

That a Bill to amend the Law relating to Offences against the Person has been passed by your Honorable House.

That in the said Bill Fourteen years is named as the age under which no child shall be deemed capable of consenting to any indecent assault.

That, in the judgment of your Petitioners, the age above named is far too low.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will still further increase protection which it is proposed to extend to females, by passing a Bill increasing the age of consent to Sixteen years.

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

Henry Greenwood  
H. E. Merriman  
John Cope  
Geo. W. Ife  
T. J. Crouch, *pro* G. S. C.  
Chas. Haywood  
John Blundstone  
W. Williams  
G. T. Taylor

E. Hawson  
W. H. Connor  
Charles Witt  
J. E. Overell  
Wm. Witt  
J. Hoggins  
Wm. Thos. Strutt  
William Smith

THE following Petitions, in the same terms, were also presented during the Session:—

<i>From whom.</i>	<i>By whom presented.</i>	<i>When presented.</i>	<i>No. of Signatures.</i>	<i>When ordered to be printed.</i>
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From Moderator and Clerk, Presbyterian Church in Tasmania .....	Mr. Smart	15 October	2	16 October
Citizens of Hobart .....	Mr. Fysh	15 "	53	16 "
Ditto .....	ditto	16 "	503	20 "
Residents of Latrobe and East Devon .....	Mr. Moore	20 "	67	22 "
Ditto Longford .....	Mr. Dodery	20 "	42	22 "
Ditto Deloraine .....	Mr. Grubb	20 "	59	22 "
Ditto Launceston .....	ditto	27 "	140	29 "
Rev. John Cope, Chairman District Meeting of Ministers of Wesleyan Churches, Tasmania .....	Mr. Fysh	13 November	1	19 November
Inhabitants of Huon .....	Mr. Watchorn	19 "	44	26 "