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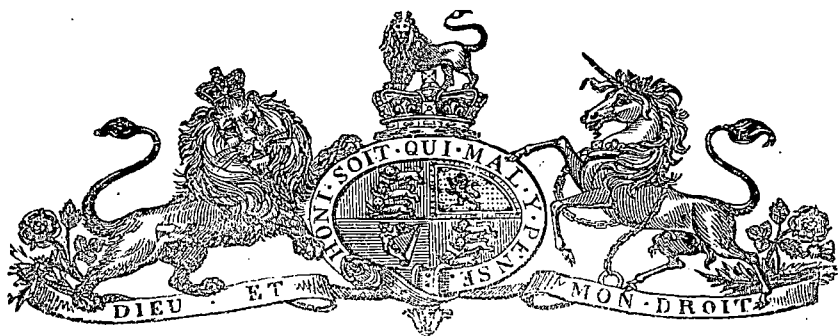
TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

DEBTORS ACT, 1870.

PETITION FROM GROCERS, DRAPERS, AND STOREKEEPERS
RESIDING IN HOBART TOWN.

Presented by Mr. Giblin, and ordered by the House to be printed, August 12, 1874.



*To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly
of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Grocers, Drapers, and Shopkeepers.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

1. That your Petitioners carry on the businesses of Grocers, Drapers, or Shopkeepers, &c. in Hobart Town aforesaid.

2. That your Petitioners are compelled to give a large amount of credit to their customers in their said businesses.

3. That such credit consists principally of sums under Twenty Pounds.

4. That from time to time numbers of the said customers who are indebted to some of your Petitioners leave Tasmania for the purpose of residing in the other Australian Colonies.

5. That many of the said customers, so indebted as aforesaid, at the time of leaving Tasmania have in their possession moneys wherewith they might pay all debts due by them; but they refuse to pay such debts, and thereby your Petitioners lose large sums of money, they being unable to arrest such debtors in consequence of the debts owing to your Petitioners being less than Twenty Pounds.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will take the whole of the premises into your consideration, and that you will be pleased to pass an Act reducing the amount named in Section 5 of "The Debtors Act, 1870," from Twenty Pounds to Five Pounds.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 151 Signatures.]