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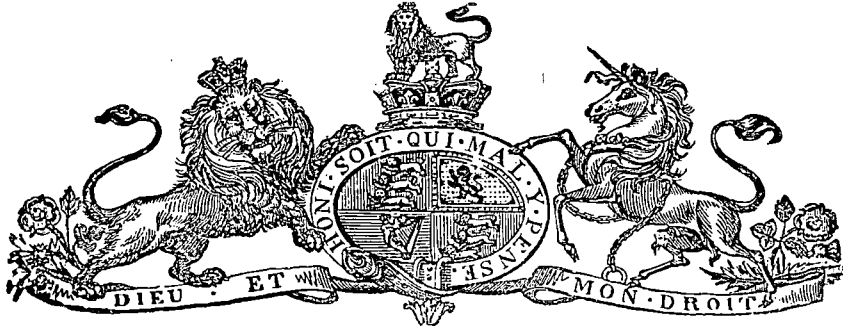
TASMANIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SCALE OF VOTING:

PETITIONS FOR AMENDMENT.

Presented August 26, and 31; September 1, and 9; and October 18; and ordered
by the Council to be printed, October 20, 1881.



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

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Launceston,

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT the system of voting for Road Trustees and Municipal Councillors by law established and now in force in Tasmania gives an undue preponderance to large property holders, whilst it wholly deprives a large class of small proprietors from any share in the election of such officers, notwithstanding that all are alike liable for their quota of rates and taxes imposed by these institutions.

That such a system of class legislation tends to bring into disrepute these institutions, which were designed for, and if properly worked would lead to, the benefit and respect of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will adopt such measures as will regulate these institutions, so that every person liable for any local rates or taxes through the operations of these institutions may have and give at least one vote at any election ; and that no person shall have or give at any election a greater number of votes than three.

In the voting for Members of Parliament we respectfully beg that all persons occupying any house or land be allowed to vote for a Member of the House of Assembly in the Electoral District in which the property is ; and that all freeholders of property have a vote for a Member of the Legislative Council in the Electoral District where the property is situate.

And Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 152 signatures.]

Petitions in the same terms were presented as follows :—

- Inhabitants of Launceston, 73 signatures, presented by Mr. Moore, August 26.
- Ditto Hamilton District, 81 signatures, presented by Mr. Gellibrand, August 31.
- Ditto Richmond Municipality, 21 signatures, presented by Mr. Crowther, Sept. 1.
- Ditto Richmond Municipality, 39 signatures, presented by Mr. Crowther, Sept. 1.
- Ditto Franklin District, 37 signatures, presented by Mr. Crowther, Sept. 1.
- Ditto Campbell Town District, 71 signatures, presented by Mr. Aikenhead, Sept. 1.
- Ditto Richmond District, 75 signatures, presented by Mr. Crowther, Sept. 9.
- Ditto Sorell District, 22 signatures, presented by Mr. Crowther, Sept. 9.
- Ditto Oatlands District, 40 signatures, presented by Mr. Crowther, Sept. 9.
- Ditto Table Cape District, 58 signatures, presented by Mr. Crowther, Sept. 9.
- Ditto Circular Head, 60 signatures, presented by Mr. Moore, October 18.
- Ditto Latrobe, 81 signatures, presented by Mr. Moore, October 18.