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PETITION OF MAYOR OF LAUNCESTON.

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Presented by Mr. Crowther, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
November 8, 1878.



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

**The** Petition of the Merchants, Traders, and Residents of the Town of Launceston, assembled in Public Meeting on 28th October, 1878, by their Chairman.

**RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :**

1. THAT the extra Taxation at present proposed by the Government, in the form of a **Bill** to impose a Tax on Lands, Dividends, and Mortgages, is unsatisfactory, and that it is not desirable to introduce a new fiscal principle without a careful revision of our present system.

2. That the present restrictions on the importation of cattle, sheep, and meat into Tasmania are impolitic, unjust, and inequitable, and at variance with the professed free trade principles of the Colony ; and that the Customs Duties on cattle, sheep, and meat, together with the Clauses of the Slaughtering Acts prohibiting the importation of carcass meat, ought to be at once repealed.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to consider these matters and afford such relief in the premises as you may consider just and equitable.

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

**W. TURNER**, *Mayor of Launceston, Chairman of the Meeting.*