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REPRESENTATION OF NORFOLK PLAINS.

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Presented by Mr. Innes, and ordered by the House to be printed, 15 December, 1856.

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*To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of Tasmania.*

The Petition of the undersigned Electors of the District of Norfolk Plains.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners recently chose as their Representative in your Honourable House John Compton Gregson, Esq., Chairman of Quarter Sessions for the Northern side of this Island.

That they did so in the full belief and assurance (which the Constitution Act of this Colony did not contradict) that he was eligible for the position of their Representative, without his freedom of speech or vote in your Honourable House being liable to be invaded or impaired by any power less than that of the Legislature of this Colony.

That they have since found by the Vote of your Honourable House that an Order in Council is deemed sufficient to alter the character which we presumed he possessed when we elected him as our Representative ; and that we are thus virtually deprived of a Member in whom we can repose confidence.

We therefore pray your Honourable House to devise some measure by which we shall have restored to us the benefit of free and unfettered Representation.

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

Wm. Archer.  
J. Wilmore.  
Joseph Penny.  
T. T. Whitfeld.  
Isaac Noake.  
Thomas Reibey.  
Wm. Mason.  
William Gibson.  
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