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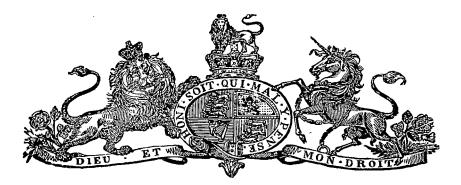
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PETITION No. 3.

REPEAL OF AD VALOREM DUTIES.

Presented by Mr. Adye Douglas, and ordered by the House to be printed, 26 February, 1863.



To the Honorable the House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled.

The Memorial of the undersigned Merchants and Traders of Launceston and its vicinity.

HUMBLY SHOWETH:

THAT they are seriously affected in their business transactions in consequence of the uncertainty with which they at present must regard the question of the repeal of the Ad Valorem Duties.

That, in the depressed state of trade throughout the Colony, and the consequent low rate of profits, your Memorialists would suffer unequally, if not exclusively, through the postponement of the Repeal of these Duties.

That your Memorialists, believing that it is the intention of your Honourable House to abolish the *Ad Valorem* Tariff during its present Session, respectfully urge that its immediate repeal can alone afford the necessary protection to the Trading interests of the Colony; and therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will at once fix the day for the said Repeal.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

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