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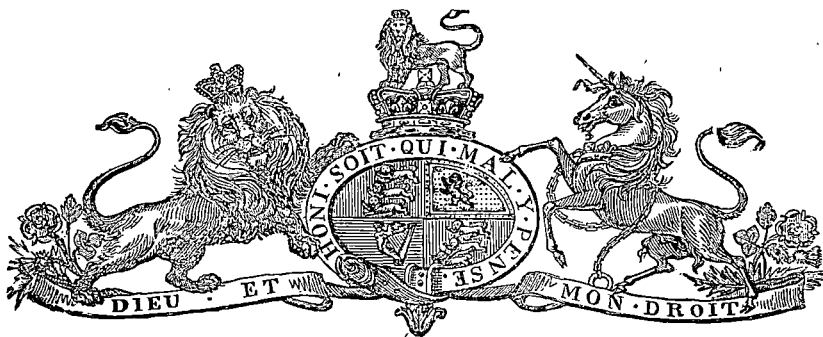
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P E T I T I O N.

BILL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL.

Presented by Mr. Bedford, and ordered by the House to be printed
14 September, 1859.



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

The Petition of the Electors of the Electoral Districts of Hobart and Hobart Town, in
Public Meeting assembled.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have learned with alarm that a Bill has been introduced into Parliament "to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council," at a time when no less than Six Constituencies of the Legislative Council are, either wholly or in part, unrepresented, owing to the absence or resignation of their respective Members.

That your Petitioners respectfully urge upon your Honourable House, that it is inexpedient to alter or amend the Constitutional Act of the Colony until the whole of the Seats now vacant in your Honourable House have been duly filled by the return of the full number of Members of your Honourable House.

That your Petitioners would further submit for the consideration of your Honourable House, that they cannot but regard any attempt to alter the Constitutional Act, so as to exclude from the Legislative Council any qualified Representative already elected by the People, as amounting to an interference with their undoubted privileges as Electors, against which your Petitioners feel bound to protest in the strongest but most respectful terms.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honourable House not to pass the Bill now before Parliament, intituled "A Bill to amend the Constitution of the Legislative Council."

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

On behalf of the Meeting held this day at the New Market Place,

D. LEWIS, *Mayor, Chairman.*

14th September, 1859.