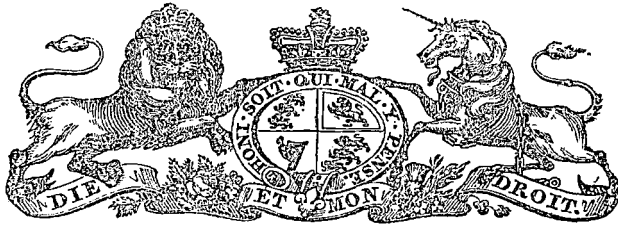


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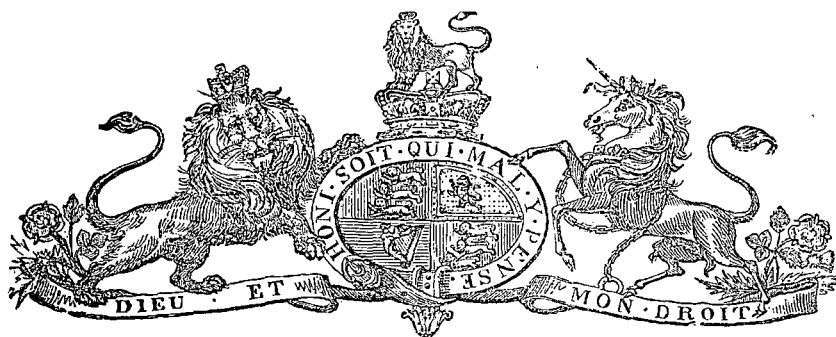
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P E T I T I O N No. 71.

INCREASED REPRESENTATION.—GLAMORGAN.

Presented by Mr. Meredith, and ordered by the House to be printed,
20 September, 1861.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Parliamentary and Municipal Electors of Glamorgan.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are fully sensible of the value of the form of Polity, under which the Constitution contemplates that the Government of the Country should be administered by their elected Representatives in Parliament.

2. That your Petitioners are anxious to see the Representative element of the Constitution strengthened and developed to the fullest extent, compatible with a proper regard to the true principles of a mixed popular Government.

3. That your Petitioners believe this object will be more effectually attained—the real interests of the Colony more faithfully represented in Parliament—the public finances placed on a sounder basis, and the Government more economically administered—by enlarging the Representation of the People in both branches of the Legislature; and particularly by considerably increasing the number of Members composing the Popular Chamber.

4. That your Petitioners believe that such an extension of the House of Assembly would serve to secure a truer reflex in Parliament of the political predilections of the people, on all the most important public questions than can now be obtained in a Chamber of only Thirty Members; that sectional influences and personal considerations would be less likely, in an enlarged House, to prevent the formation of a Government possessing the confidence of the Legislature and the sympathies of the Constituencies; and that by no other means can the political progress and general prosperity of the country be so effectually advanced as by a development of our admirable Constitution, in the direction of fuller Parliamentary Representation of the people, and greater Ministerial Responsibility to the Legislature.

5. That your Petitioners are aware that your Honorable House has been asked by His Excellency's Ministers to entertain measures for amending the *Constitutional* and *Electoral Acts*, with a view to effectuating "the obvious but unaccomplished objects" of those Enactments; and that a Bill is already before your Honorable House to extend the number of the Representatives of the Electoral Districts of the Island in the House of Assembly.

6. That your Petitioners earnestly trust that, in whatever direction your Honorable House may be asked to alter or amend the *Constitutional* and *Electoral Acts*, no departure will be sanctioned from the broad and liberal principles which now regulate the Electoral Franchise and the Parliamentary Representation of the People in both branches of the Legislature; and that the augmentation of the number of Members of the House of Assembly may be regarded by your Honorable House, as it is by your Petitioners, as the grand and paramount political necessity of the Country, and the principal and most important object of any present attempts at Constitutional Reform.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House to adopt such measures as to your wisdom shall seem meet for increasing the Representation of the People in Parliament, and to pass *The Bill for Extending the Number of the Representatives of the Electoral Districts of this Island* in the House of Assembly.

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

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Charles J. Willes.
Robert Watson.
James Hurst.
Peter Miller.
Edwin Allen.
G. P. Boulthbee.
J. F. Boulthbee.
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William Hepburn.

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