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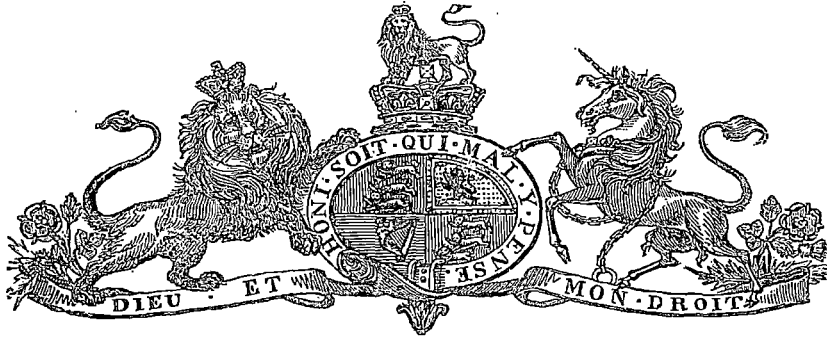
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Presented by Mr. Whyte, and ordered by the Council to be printed, 29 May, 1857.



*To the Honourable the Legislative Council of Tasmania,
in Parliament assembled.*

The Memorial of JOHN MORGAN, an Elector for both Houses of the Colonial Parliament.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Memorialist had reason to expect and hope that one of the first measures introduced for the consideration of the Legislature would have been an Act "to remove from the office of Attorney-General the *sole* power of finding or of ignoring Bills in this Colony;" a power which, your Memorialist respectfully submits, should no longer be vested in one person holding political office, however great his legal acquirements or unimpeachable his individual character.

That, when the principles of Representation by Election and Responsible Government in Tasmania were acknowledged by an Act of the British Parliament, it was hoped by your Memorialist and others, who appreciate the value of the Institutions of the Parent State, that they would be carried out in this Colony, not partially, but in their entirety.

That he, therefore, deeply deplores the omission of any declared intention on the part of the Executive Government in furtherance of such purpose; and, without intruding upon your Honourable House by this Memorial detailed reasons in its support (as they are, he presumes, known to each Honourable Member), he respectfully prays that such means as are requisite may be immediately taken to secure to individuals in this Colony, who may be charged with offences against the Laws, that protection which they would receive in other portions of the British Dominions, but of which protection they are at present deprived; a deprivation which your Memorialist considers inconsistent with the fundamental principles of civil liberty as secured by Acts of the British Legislature.

JOHN MORGAN.

190, Macquarie-street, May 28th, 1857.

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