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LAUNCESTON CORPORATION—SECTION 100.

Presented by Mr. Matthews, and ordered by the House to be printed,
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*To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly, in
Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Landed Proprietors of the Town of Launceston.

SHOWETH:

THAT your Petitioners have perused the Draft of an Act which is proposed to be intituled "The Launceston Corporation Act."

That, in the opinion of your Petitioners, the 100th Section of the said Act is injurious to the interests of your Petitioners, because it provides (amongst other things) that your Petitioners shall pay all Rates payable in respect of property the assessed annual value of which does not exceed Thirty Pounds.

That the 100th section of the "Hobart Town Corporation Act" provides "that all Rates payable in respect of property the assessed annual value of which does not exceed Twenty Pounds, or which is let to weekly or monthly tenants, or payable in respect of buildings let in separate apartments or portions, shall be payable and paid by the owner instead of the occupier or occupiers thereof."

That, in the opinion of your Petitioners, there should be no difference in the annual value below which owners of property in Hobart Town and Launceston should be rendered liable to payment of the Rates which have been hitherto paid by the occupiers of such property.

That the annual valuation of Thirty Pounds, as being the valuation under which amount your Petitioners shall be liable to payment of the rates provided by the said Bill, appears to have been fixed more with a view to the convenience of collecting such Rates than to the interests of your Petitioners.

Your Petitioners, therefore, respectfully request your Honorable House to alter the 100th Section of the said Act, intituled *The Launceston Corporation Act*, by the substitution of the word "Twenty" in the place of the word "Thirty" contained therein.

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

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