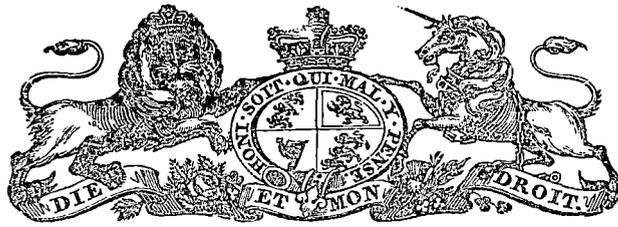


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Presented by Mr. Anstey, and ordered by the House to be printed; 23
September, 1858.



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

The Memorial of the undersigned Holders of Public-house Licences in Oatlands and the District, in the Island of Tasmania.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT your Memorialists are authorised to sell Liquors in the houses occupied by them, and mentioned in the respective Licences issued to them, under the authority, and on the terms, conditions, and restrictions imposed by an Act of the Parliament of Tasmania, intituled "An Act to regulate the Sale of Liquors."

That by the said Act of Council your Memorialists were not only brought under more severe and stringent enactments, but had the Licence Fee raised from the sum of £25 to £50.

That in the present depressed state of the Colony, and the falling off of trade, your Memorialists respectfully submit to your Honorable House that the present enormous Licence Fee of £50 is more than they can pay.

That when a Petition was presented to your Honorable House last Session against the enormous Fee, and the same was under discussion, it was defended upon the ground that, as the whole expense of the Police was borne by the Government, and the Ways and Means for the current year were prepared, it would be embarrassing the Government to make any reduction or alteration in the Licence Fee at that time.

That since that time the Municipal Act has passed into Law, thereby placing the whole expense of the Police of Hobart Town and Launceston upon the Inhabitants thereof; and your Memorialists would respectfully suggest that it would be unjust and unfair to still keep the Licence Fee at £50.

Your Memorialists respectfully beg to bring under the notice of your Honorable House that since the passing of the Act imposing the heavy Fee of £50 the population has greatly decreased by the Inhabitants emigrating to the more prosperous neighboring Colonies, trade has become depressed, and property depreciated upwards of eighty per cent., and that they are less able at the present time to pay £25 than they were formerly able to pay £50.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that your Honorable House will take the premises into consideration, and be pleased to repeal Clause No. 53 of the said Licensing Act fixing the annual License Fee at £50 and in lieu thereof fix such annual Licence Fee at £25, or such lesser sum as your Honorable House in your wisdom may deem within the altered circumstances of the Colony and of your Memorialists.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

September, 1858.

Edmund White, Warden Castle, Oatlands.
Mary Madden, Kentish Hotel, Oatlands.
William Barwick, Midland Hotel, Oatlands.
John Newby, Wilmot Arms, Oatlands.
Charles Sutton, Victoria Inn, Tunbridge.

Wm. Sanderson, White Horse Inn, Oatlands.
Charles Drabel, Harpam House, Antill Ponds.
Joseph M'Ewan, Oatlands Hotel, Oatlands.
George Frost, Coach and Horses, Lemon Springs.