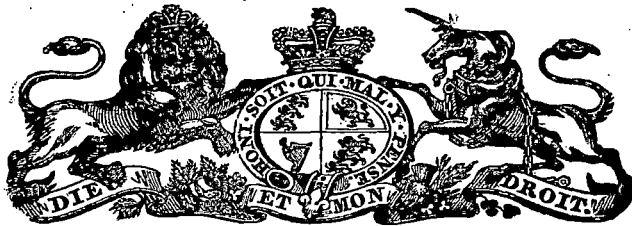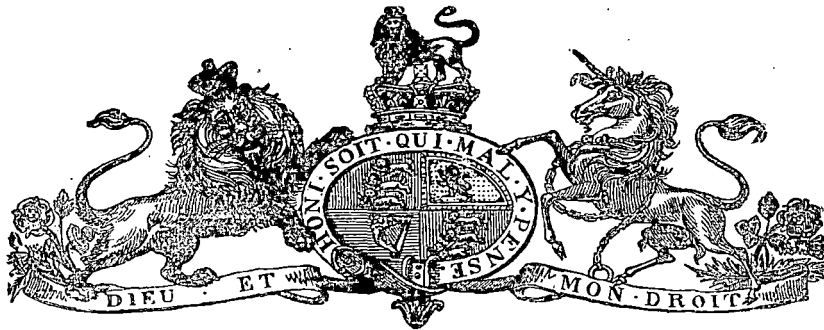1889.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICE REGULATION BILLS:

PETITION OF WARDEN AND COUNCILLORS MUNICIPALITY OF LONGFORD. *(Mr. Dodery, October 1, 1889.)*

Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed.

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council.

WE, the undersigned Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Longford, petition your Honorable House not to pass into law the Local Government and Police Regulation Bills, for the following reasons:—

1st. That, inasmuch as the Colony is divided into Municipalities and Municipal Districts, and the Municipalities are sought to be compelled to provide funds by taxation for Officers who, in Municipal Districts, are not kept or are paid out of Consolidated Revenue.

2nd. That the control of the roads being placed in the hands of Municipal Councillors will tend to centralise the Trusts and thus impair their efficiency, and will also cause much friction where there may be more than one Trust in the Municipality, or part in one and the other part in another.

3rd. That the minimum rate of 6*d.* in the pound deprives the Municipal Councillors of the power of levying a small rate in consequence of bad seasons or other causes.

4th. That the attempt to deprive the Warden and Councillors of the control of the Police is an unwise step, inasmuch as no one at a distance can so effectually guard their interests as those on the spot.

5th. That, in consequence of all fines and fees being withdrawn, the revenue of the Municipality will be thereby considerably reduced.

6th. That we have in the Police Act and Municipal Act all the power needed to control the affairs of the Municipality.

7th. That these Bills, if passed, will, we believe, add much to the cost of managing the Municipality.

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

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