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1856.

T A S M A N I A.

PETITION AGAINST ADDITIONAL TAXATION

FROM THE DISTRICT OF GLAMORGAN.

Presented by Mr. Whyte, and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed,
12 February, 1857.



*To the Honourable the Members of the Legislative Council in
Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Glamorgan, in Public Meeting assembled.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH,

THAT your Petitioners have viewed with much alarm the increase in the amount of the Public Expenditure, as shown in the Estimates recently passed by your Honourable House, amounting to the enormous sum of £347,000.

That your Petitioners would most respectfully express their opinion that this large sum of money is nearly double the amount really required for the efficient Government of an Island containing from 60,000 to 70,000 inhabitants; and that were a searching enquiry instituted into the cost of the several Departments, and the services performed by each, they believe that it would be found practicable to reduce some of the Departments, and combine others, and in other ways so to modify the expenses of Government as to bring the annual expenditure of Tasmania on a level with that of South Australia,—a Province containing about 90,000 inhabitants, and governed at an expense of £260,000.

That your Petitioners refrain from making any particular allusions to the Bill for increasing the Duties levied on some imported Goods, as well as the other Bills for an increased Taxation of this community, believing all increase of Taxation unnecessary and uncalled for.

Your Petitioners would, however, respectfully suggest to your Honourable House, that, pending a Parliamentary enquiry into the whole machinery of Government as at present constituted, and its annual cost, and the adoption of such plans as may be determined on for the reduction of such annual Expenditure to an amount not exceeding the Public Expenditure of 1852, any deficiency of Income should be met by an issue of Exchequer Bills.

That your Petitioners, relying upon the wisdom of your Honourable House, trust that you will so arrange the expenditure of Government, by judicious retrenchment, as not only to meet the annual expenses, but also to leave a considerable surplus, and thus form a fund for the speedy extinction of the Colonial Debt.

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

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