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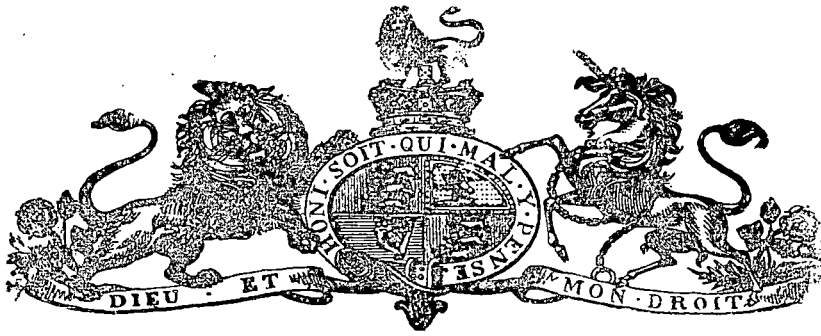
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS ACT AMENDMENT
BILL, 1887, (No. 33):

PETITION IN FAVOUR OF, FROM LEGAL PRACTITIONERS,
HOBART.

Presented to the Legislative Council by Mr. Crosby, December 2, 1887, and
ordered to be printed, December 8.



To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Tasmania.

The Petition of the undersigned Legal Practitioners of the City of Hobart,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

1. THAT at a meeting of the Legal Practitioners of Hobart, it was unanimously resolved that it was desirable that a Law Society should be formed.

2. That a copy of this Resolution was forwarded to the Legal Practitioners resident in Launceston, who held a meeting, and approved of the movement to establish a Law Society.

3. That consequent on the formation of a Law Society it was found advisable to amend "The Barristers and Attorneys Act, 1874."

4. That the Bill to amend "The Barristers and Attorneys Act, 1874," has passed through all its stages in the House of Assembly of Tasmania, and has been read a first time in the Legislative Council of Tasmania.

5. That the Northern Practitioners now petition against the second reading of the Bill to amend "The Barristers and Attorneys Act, 1874," because it provides for the payment of an annual fee of One Pound and One Shilling and the issuing of an annual certificate.

6. That the said Bill provides for the payment of certain fees, which fees are intended for the support of the proposed Law Society, and that without funds such Society would be useless and unable to carry out the objects for which it is formed,—viz., to purchase a library, to enquire into complaints against practitioners, and generally to supervise the legal profession.

7. That Parliament has hitherto granted an annual sum for the purchase of law books for a library for the use of the profession, but in the present depressed state of the Colony it is apprehended that such vote will be discontinued.

8. That the annual fee proposed to be paid by the Legal Practitioners is intended to take the place of the last-mentioned annual vote.

9. That the Law Society's Bill provides for the formation of a Law Society in Hobart and one in Launceston, and that the funds shall be divided between the two Societies in proportion to the number of members of each, and in this way each Society will support itself.

10. That it is competent for the Northern Practitioners to form a Society in Launceston, and to appropriate the fees paid by the members thereof.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to assent to the before-mentioned Bill to amend "The Barristers and Attorneys Act, 1874."

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 47 signatures.]

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