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BILL No. 54.

PETITION OF MAYOR AND CORPORATION OF HOBART TOWN.

Presented by Mr. Lewis, October 12, 1870, and ordered by the House to be printed.



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

The respectful Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Hobart Town in
Tasmania, in Council assembled.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have read with surprise and regret that the Honorable the Minister of Lands has introduced into your Honorable Assembly "A Bill to vest in the Crown portions of Davey-street and Dunn-street in the City of Hobart Town, adjoining the new Bonding Stores."

That your Petitioners have recently been in correspondence with the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Works, who, being desirous of effecting some alterations in the boundaries of the Bonded Stores allotment, proposed certain lines for the approval of the Municipal Council. The question received every consideration that its importance demanded; and after due deliberation, with an anxious desire to act as far as possible in conformity with the wishes of the Government, and to afford every facility in effectuating its designs, yet nevertheless it was found that to carry out the propositions of the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Works to the extent that Officer required would contract the thoroughfare in front of the Constitution Dock, where plenty of space is required, and therefore any curtailment thereof other than that effected by a certain modification submitted by the Municipal Council would not leave sufficient space necessary for ordinary traffic and wharf purposes.

Your Petitioners respectfully submit that in declining to accede (except in a modified form) to the proposition of the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Works they were exercising a solemn and responsible duty vested in them as guardians of the rights and privileges of their fellow Citizens, whose interests being confided to their keeping they were bound to protect, being of opinion that the reducing the width of Davey-street as intended by the proposed enactment could not be otherwise than detrimental to the public convenience.

Your Petitioners therefore respectfully pray that the Bill referred to may not pass your Honorable House according to the description contained in the Schedule annexed thereto, but in accordance with the description of the modified boundaries as transmitted to the Minister of Lands and Works in a Report accompanying a letter addressed to that Officer by order of the Municipal Council, dated 25th March, 1870, and to which your Petitioners respectfully beg to refer your Honorable House.

By Order of the Municipal Council,

THOS. C. SMART, *Mayor.*

Town Hall, 12th October, 1870.

(Seal.)

HENRY WILKINSON, *Town Clerk.*