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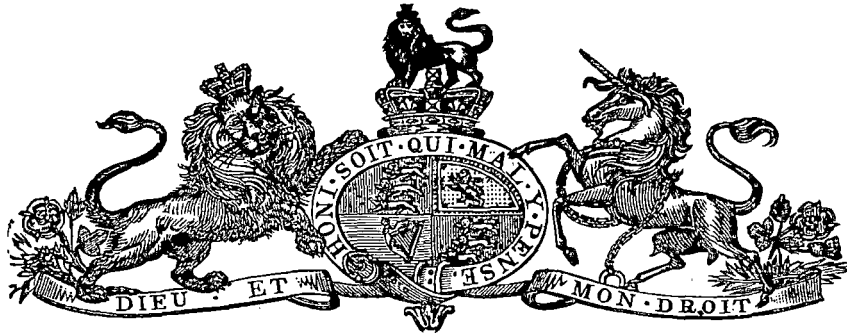
NOXIOUS TRADES AREA:

PETITION FROM RESIDENTS OF NEWNHAM, &c.

*(Mr. Rooke, September 25, 1890.)*

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Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed.



*To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council,  
in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the Landowners, Landholders, and Residents of Newnham and vicinity,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

1. THAT your Petitioners observe with alarm that it is proposed to acquire a "Noxious Trades Area" in the immediate vicinity of Newnham, and concentrate there the whole of the noxious trades of Launceston; that a survey of proposed "Area" has taken place; and that a sum of money has been voted in your Honorable House for effectually carrying out the above scheme.

2. Your Petitioners respectfully ask the attention of your Honorable House to the following considerations, shewing the grievous hardship, loss, and inconvenience which your Petitioners will inevitably suffer in the event of the above proposals being carried out.

3. The site chosen is at the head of the creek running through the village of Newnham. This creek constitutes the main water supply of the village, and is used for all domestic purposes, for the dairying requirements of cow-keepers who supply milk to Launceston, for the purposes of carters and a coach-proprietor, and for watering the whole of the stock in the neighbourhood. During the summer months this creek frequently stops running, and the water supply is obtained from water-holes in the creek bed.

We learn that it is intended to carry the sewage of the "Area" into the river Tamar by means of a pipe. Your Petitioners wish to point out that while this plan may dispose of the sewage, the surface drainage of the "Area," especially in a few years time, will certainly find its way into the natural drain of the land, which is the Newnham Creek, thereby polluting it, rendering it unfit for all the purposes for which we require it, and constituting it a standing menace to the health of the whole neighbourhood.

4. We would further ask you to consider that the mouth of the Newnham Creek where it is proposed to discharge the sewage has for many years past been used for a bathing-place by the whole neighbourhood, it being the one only spot along the river bank where any deep water is obtainable. Large numbers of persons continually resort there to bathe during the whole summer. If the sewage is discharged where at present proposed this bathing-place will be totally destroyed.

5. From the details above enumerated, it will appear to you that landowners must suffer by the depreciation of the value of property in the neighbourhood. Some of us will be deprived of our present means of gaining a livelihood by the pollution of the water supply, and the whole neighbourhood will be rendered less healthy and attractive.

We therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will not consent to the location of the noxious trades of Launceston on the "Area" at present proposed.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

*[Here follow 17 signatures.]*

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