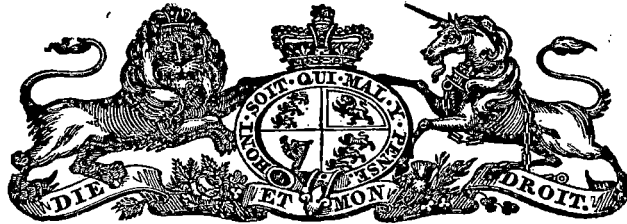


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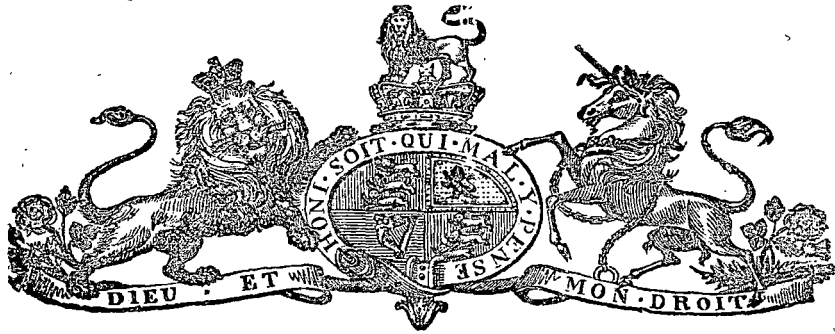
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SALMON COMMISSIONERS.

LETTER ON THE PETITION OF FISHERMEN.

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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, 7 December, 1871. and ordered by  
the House to be printed,



Hobart Town 17th October, 1871.

SIR,

THE Petition "of certain Seine-fishermen and others the inhabitants of Hobart Town on their behalf," addressed to His Excellency the Governor and the Members of the Executive Council, was considered at the last Meeting of the Board of Salmon Commissioners, held on the 9th instant, together with a Counter Petition addressed to the Commissioners,—a copy of which I beg to enclose.

The Board was unanimously of opinion, that it could not recommend any alteration of the present limits prescribed for Seine Fishing in the River Derwent without serious danger to the two species of the migratory *Salmo* introduced to the waters of that river.

Taking this fact, together with the advantages accruing to the native fish protected by the present Fishing Regulations in this water, the Commissioners desire to urge upon the Government the inexpediency of any alteration being made at present.

I have the honor to remain,  
Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

R. OFFICER,  
Chairman of the Board of Salmon Commissioners.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

(Copy.)

Hobart Town, 3rd October, 1871.

GENTLEMEN,

WE, the undersigned residents of Hobart Town and the vicinity of the Derwent, having heard that a Petition has been presented to the Government, signed by several owners of fishing boats on the Derwent and others, praying that the River might be opened *for netting* above the City of Hobart, hereby request that you will strenuously oppose the object of such Petition.

Both as anglers and as persons interested in the food supply of Tasmania, we are convinced that the present Regulations have been, and will be, of incalculable benefit not only with reference to the acclimatisation efforts that the Commissioners are making, but also as especially tending to protect the nurseries of our native fish, which fish have to our own actual knowledge increased considerably in these upper waters during the last twelve or eighteen months.

To the Salmon Commissioners of Tasmania.

[Here follow 170 Signatures.]