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P E T I T I O N .

AD VALOREM DUTIES.

Presented by Mr. Button, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
5 August, 1862.



To the Honorable the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Members of the Launceston Chamber of Commerce, and others interested in the Trade of Tasmania.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT, in consequence of fluctuations in the Markets, and the impossibility of fixing the true value of Articles which differ in shades of quality, the system of *ad Valorem* Duties is most objectionable in its operation; that it encourages fraud, introduces uncertainty, impedes business, increases the expense of collection, and is irritating and troublesome to all concerned.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to repeal the Act 25 Victoria, No. 15, "An Act to increase the Duties of Customs."

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

John Fawns.
Henry Dowling.
George Fisher.
James Robertson.
William Johnstone.
J. Aikenhead.
A. J. Marriott.
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Thomas Corbett.
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