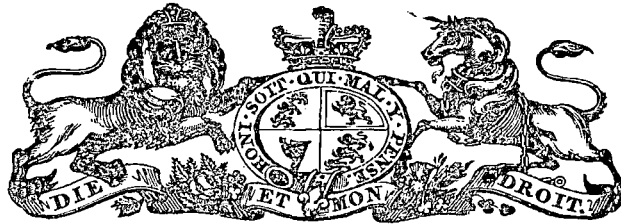


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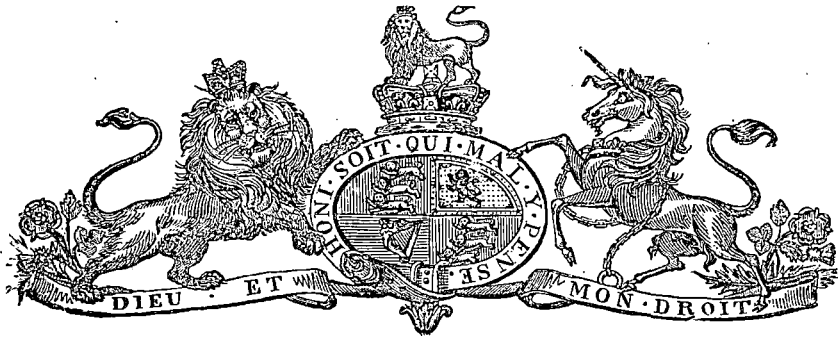
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AGAINST BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND  
CONTROL OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN TASMANIA.

PETITION.

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Presented by Mr. Bisdee ; and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
August 21, 1863.



*To the Honourable the President of the Legislative Council of Tasmania,  
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers and other Inhabitants of the Rural Municipality of Oatlands.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners beg leave to address your Honourable Council with reference to a measure now before it, entitled "A Bill to provide for the Establishment and Control of Public Schools in Tasmania."

That your Petitioners cannot but regard the said Bill as calculated to impose additional burdens upon your Petitioners for educational objects, such as they believe ought to belong to the Government of the Colony alone.

That your Petitioners consider that the real and primary object of the said Bill is of a purely fiscal character, so far as its promoters are concerned; and consequently is wholly destitute of the higher aim of seeking to place the Public Schools of Tasmania upon a surer and better basis than they are on at the present time.

That a Public Meeting of Ratepayers and others was held in the Court House, Oatlands, on Friday, the 7th day of August, 1863, in regard to the said Bill, when Resolutions were adopted in conformity with the statements in this Petition.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable Council will withhold its assent from the said Bill, and not sanction its passing into a law in its present shape, which your Petitioners believe to be injurious to their interests, and not for the benefit of Public School instruction; and that your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[ *Here follow 62 Signatures.* ]