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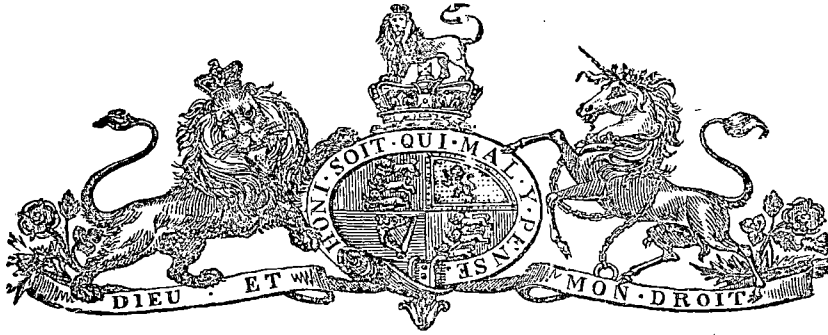
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T A S M A N I A.

P E T I T I O N

OF FREDERICK JAMES HOUGHTON.

Presented by Mr. C. Meredith, and ordered by the House to be printed,
16 January, 1867.



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

The humble Petition of Frederick James Houghton, of Launceston, in Tasmania.

SHOWETH :

THAT, on the thirty-first day of December last past, your Petitioner was duly nominated in writing as a Candidate for election to serve in House of Assembly of Tasmania as a Member for the Electoral District of Launceston aforesaid, and that such nomination in writing accompanied by your Petitioner's written consent to serve was duly presented to John Scott, Esq., the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District, before the hour of four of the clock in the afternoon of the same day, (a true copy of which nomination is written at the foot or end of this Petition.)

That, at the expiration of four of the clock in the afternoon of the said day, the said Returning Officer publicly declared "that Thomas Daniel Chapman, Esquire, was duly elected a Member for the Electoral District of Launceston to serve in the said House of Assembly in the place of John Crookes, Esquire, resigned, and that he (the said Returning Officer) had received another nomination (meaning your Petitioner's) but which was void from informality."

That your Petitioner protests against the return so made by the said Returning Officer, and prays your Honorable House will be pleased to refer the said nomination of your Petitioner, and the said return made by the said Returning Officer, to the enquiry and decision of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications of your Honorable House.

And your Petitioner will ever pray, &c.

F. J. HOUGHTON,

Who was a Candidate at the above-named Election.

Dated Launceston, January the 5th, 1867.

COPY OF THE NOMINATION REFERRED TO.

WE, the undersigned, being two Electors of the Electoral District of Launceston, do nominate to you, the Returning Officer of and for the said District of Launceston, Frederick James Houghton, of Wellington Road, in Launceston, as a Candidate for election to serve in the House of Assembly of Tasmania as a Member for the said District.

Dated at Launceston this thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

William Chick, St. John-street. Mrs. Kidds, house, house and shop.
W. Job Harris, householder, York-street.

*To the Returning Officer of the
Electoral District of Launceston.*