

Hobart Town 2/6 Mo. 1855.

Respected friend
Wm. Barnett.

The Licensed Victuallers and others interested in the sale of Intoxicating Drinks, are using very strenuous efforts, preparatory to the assembling of the Legislative Council, in order to get up a petition numerously signed, praying that the clause in the new Licensing Act prohibiting "the Sunday traffic" in Intoxicating Liquors, should be rescinded.

Hence it becomes highly necessary that the friends of sobriety, and all who value the orderly and quiet observance of "the Sabbath day" should bestir themselves, lest, through their own supineness and indifference, an enactment which has already been productive of the happiest results, should, through the clamours of the interested, be abrogated.

Under this conviction, the Committee of the Tasmanian Temperance

France and Total Abstinence Association" has prepared the Petition, of which I enclose a copy, and which now lies for signature at various places in Hobart Town.

But it is obvious that to give effect to the appeal thus made to the Legislature, the voice of the people in the Country Districts must also be lifted up. And it is under this persuasion that by direction of the Committee, I have earnestly to request the favour of thy influence and co-operation in promotion of the object we have in view.

This may be done effectually and perhaps with the least trouble, by adopting the Petition referred to verbatim, or, if not, one of similar import, on behalf of the District in which thou art resident, and by taking subsequent measures in order to obtain the greatest possible number of signatures.

The subject is one of such paramount importance, and so intimately concerns all who have the moral and religious interests of their

fellow-creatures at heart, that I trust arguments are unnecessary to prevail upon thee to accede to our request.

I will only further remark, that the Petition itself should be engrossed on stout paper, or parchment; and a few signatures should be included on the same sheet after which sheet after sheet of names can be appended to the original, as may be necessary.

Care should, however, be exercised, that the Petition itself be always submitted, and its purport made clearly intelligible, to the persons who sign, at the time of signing.

Nor should it receive any other names than those of adults, or of persons of sufficiently mature age to apprehend its meaning, and only of the male sex.

It is also desirable to append the occupation and residence of the parties signing, in distinct, ruled columns.

With these observations, and

explanations, offered with a view to ensure the getting up of the Petition in due form, I recommend the subject to thy careful attention and most active zeal; and trusting to receive from thee, a line in acknowledgment of my communication having been received,

I remain,

Thy friend resp^y,

Geo W. Walker

Written to again 12/7/55

- ✓ H. B. Giles Cambridge
- ✓ Wm Barnett Ilwaco
- ✓ Wm Barnett Junr New Norfolk
- ✓ Greenponds W Waterful'd
- ✓ ~~Oaklands~~
- ✓ Richmond H. B. Giles
- ✓ O'Brien's Bridge W. H. Bowden
- ✓ Newtown Wm Cato
- ✓ Campbell Town J. Turnbull
- ✓ Oaklands S. Campbell Minister
- ✓ Prof Capt. Horton

Morris River, I Forth Received