

Hobart Town 5 March 1855.

To Arthur Perry Esq.

The Committee of the Tasmanian Temperance and Total Abstinence Association feel called upon to bring under your consideration, the very demoralizing effects of treating Electors with Intoxicating Drinks.

Every one possessing the feelings of humanity not to say that interest in the well-being of the people becoming a Representative, must deplore the prevalence of intemperance in the community; and this Committee would earnestly entreat the Candidates in the present Election not to increase the misery and debasement in which so many of our unhappy countrymen are involved by a practice through which intemperance is so directly encouraged and induced.

Whilst other communities are using the most vigorous efforts to deliver the people from the evils of intemperance, it will be truly lamentable if in this city a custom should be continued no less degrading to the people than unworthy of those who solicit their confidence.

The vile system of supplying the means of drunkenness and debauchery at elections, is nothing less than pandering to the passions of the degraded, and enabling the victims of intemperance to gratify their destructive propensity.

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The Candidate who treats the public with Intoxicating drink promotes a prevailing vice which brings thousands to ruin and is the curse and shame of the community. He sacrifices to his own advancement the people whom he professes to serve, and whose interests he undertakes to advocate and support.

Signed by order of the Committee,

(Signed) H P Fry
E W Walker

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