

PETITION :

To the Honorable, the Representatives of the People of Nova Scotia, in General Session convened. The Petition of the GRAND DIVISION of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, in Quarterly Session, at Lunenburg, now assembled,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—

That in the opinion of your petitioners, the well-being and moral interests of society, would be advanced throughout this Province, by the enactment of a law, more particularly regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors; that, if legislation cannot at present go so far as totally to abolish a traffic, confessedly productive of a great amount of moral and social evil; still, if properly directed, it may accomplish a vast amount of practical good, by checking, in a great degree, the sale of intoxicating liquors, and thereby in some measure lessening one of the greatest causes of wretchedness, poverty, and crime, that now exists.

That, by prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in shops dealing in groceries, and other necessaries of life, and confining it wholly to shops licensed for that purpose alone, and to taverns, under such regulations as may be necessary to the strict enforcement of said law; it would tend to remove temptation from those whose daily wants, under the present state of things, oblige them to expose themselves to the seductions of this most insidious and destructive enemy to their virtue and happiness.

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray that your Honorable House, will take the foregoing premises into your most serious consideration, and pass such enactments as in the judgment of your Honorable House, may be considered necessary, to restrict and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, more completely than at present.

And, as in duty bound, we will ever pray.

Signed in presence, and by order, and in behalf of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia, at Lunenburg, this 31st day of January, 1850.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the foregoing report be received and adopted, and that the Petition as drafted be fairly extended and forwarded to Brother the Hon. J. W. Johnston, to be by him laid before the Honble. House of Assembly, with a respectful request that our G. T., and such other of our respected Brothers as are in the Honble. House, do give it their support.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That communications by post from Sub-divisions, to the Grand Division, be pre-paid before forwarding, excepting quarterly returns. Provided also that this resolution do not take effect until the expiration of the present quarterly term.