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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

EAST MELBOURNE ELECTION.—PETITION.

I HEREBY certify that there was presented to me, this day, a Petition, of which the enclosed is a true Copy.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Speaker's Chambers, State Parliament House,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1911.

[ENCLOSURE.]

To the Honorable Sir Frank Madden, Knight Bachelor, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria.

The Humble Petition of SIR HENRY WEEDON, of Powlett-street, East Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, Knight Bachelor,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :

1. That your Petitioner was a duly qualified and nominated candidate at the election of one Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria for the Electoral District of East Melbourne, held on the sixteenth day of November, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eleven.

2. That at such election Alfred Alexander Farthing, of Elizabeth-street, Melbourne, Publican, was a candidate, and as the result of the said election was by the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District publicly declared elected by a majority of votes, and was returned as the Member for the said District.

3. That your Petitioner was next on the poll.

4. That at such election the said Alfred Alexander Farthing was by himself, his agents and partisans, guilty of the misdemeanour of treating, and divers other persons acting on his behalf were similarly guilty.

5. That at such election the said Alfred Alexander Farthing was himself, and by his agents or partisans, or by some other person or persons on his behalf, guilty of bribery.

6. That at such election the said Alfred Alexander Farthing was himself, and by his agents or partisans, or by some other person or persons on his behalf, guilty of an illegal practice or illegal practices.

7. That at such election the said Alfred Alexander Farthing aided, abetted, counselled, procured, or attempted the commission of an illegal practice or illegal practices.

8. That your Petitioner therefore claims that the said Alfred Alexander Farthing was not duly elected as Member for the said Electoral District of East Melbourne.

9. That your Petitioner further claims that as and being the next on the poll at the said election your Petitioner was duly elected as such Member, and should be declared duly elected as such Member.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays :

That you will be pleased to communicate the matter of this Petition to the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in order that the same may be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications of your Honorable House, and also prays :

That the said Alfred Alexander Farthing be declared not duly elected for the said Electoral District of East Melbourne.

That the said Alfred Alexander Farthing be declared incapable of being elected or returned for the said Electoral District and of sitting as a Member for the said District.

That it be declared that your Petitioner ought to have been returned as Member for the said District and should be so declared, and also should be declared duly elected for such Electoral District.

That the returns for such District be amended accordingly.

That, if necessary, a new election be had.

And that your Petitioner may have such further and other relief as the circumstances of the case may require or as to the proper Committee of your Honorable House may seem meet.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated this nineteenth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and eleven.

HENRY WEEDON.

Witness—W. B. McCUTCHEON, Parliamentary Agent and Solicitor, 418 Collins-street, Melbourne.