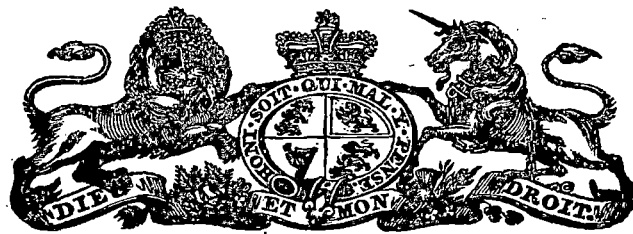


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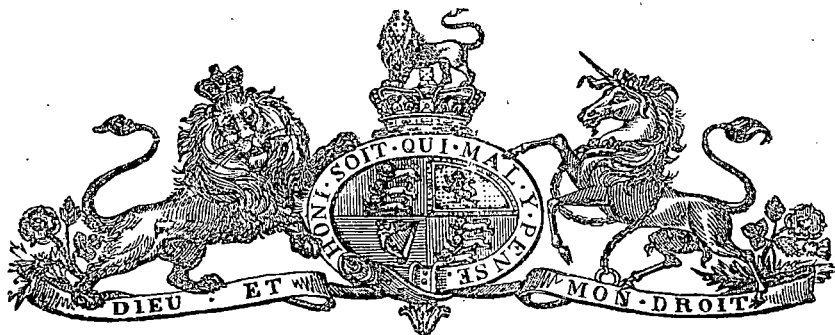
TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

DORSET ROAD DISTRICT.

PETITION FOR ROAD RATE.

Presented by Mr. Douglas, October 12, 1876, and ordered by the House to be printed.



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

The humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers in the Dorset Road District in Tasmania.

SHOWETH :

THAT most of the Trustees of the said Dorset Road District have held office as Trustees for about Ten years ; and that the whole of the present Trustees have been in office as Trustees for a period of nearly Three years, and have so been in office as such Trustees in consequence of your Petitioners not having been afforded any opportunity of electing other Trustees in their stead, no annual meeting having been held for election of Trustees during the last Two years through the non-compliance of the Trustees with the provisions of the Cross and Bye Roads Act.

That no Road Rates have been imposed for at least Six years.

That the Roads to the several properties of the said Trustees are in good order.

That the Roads to the several properties of your Petitioners are almost impassable.

That your Petitioners are desirous of having a Road Rate imposed for the purpose of having the Roads in the District made passable.

That your Petitioners are only small landholders, and the Trustees being holders of large properties are able at the annual meetings, when such are held, to outvote your Petitioners, and they are thus unable under the existing state of the law to get any Road Rate imposed.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will at once take such steps as will enable your Petitioners to have a Road Rate imposed on the owners and occupiers of property within the Road District of Dorset, Tasmania, so that the Roads within the District may be made at least passable.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 47 Signatures.]