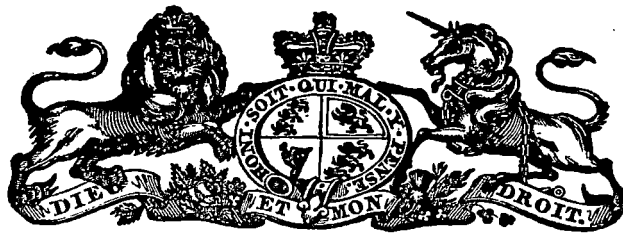


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PETITION FOR COMPENSATION.

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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, August 30, 1870, and ordered by the House to be printed.



*To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor-General of the Colony of Tasmania and its Dependencies, &c.*

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioner John Andrews, in the County of Buckingham, Parish of Pedder, Huon District, Tasmania, on behalf of his son David Andrews, of the same place, who lost his leg whilst cutting down a tree in the forest in or about Scott's New Country, in the formation of a Public Road of the Colony, on the 2nd August, 1867.

That your Petitioner's son was admitted into the Colonial Hospital at Lauceston on the 4th August, 1867, and remained there until the 26th February, 1868; and on his admittance to the Hospital, Dr. Miller, then Medical Officer in charge of that Establishment, bound up the fractured limb and never examined the same for the period of three months. Owing to this Medical Officer's inattention and wanton negligence, together without proper medical aid, your Petitioner was obliged to take his son out of that establishment and forward him to Hobart Town; and on arriving at the General Hospital there, Dr. Crowther, with the advice of other Medical Officers, found it necessary to amputate the fractured right leg in order to save your Petitioner's son's life.

And your Petitioner respectfully and humbly states that the loss of the services of such a son to himself and family is a severe affliction, he being entirely unable to earn his own livelihood, thereby remaining a heavy burthen on your Petitioner's hands, he being a poor man and obliged to earn his living by the sweat of his brow, with a numerous helpless family to support.

That your Petitioner earnestly and respectfully requests that Your Excellency in clemency will grant some compensation to your Petitioner's son, as he is rendered wholly unable to earn his own livelihood from the loss of his right leg whilst employed on the Public Roads of the Colony.

And in duty bound will ever pray.

JOHN ANDREWS.

*Cradoc Hill, Mount Huon, Franklin, 16th August, 1870.*