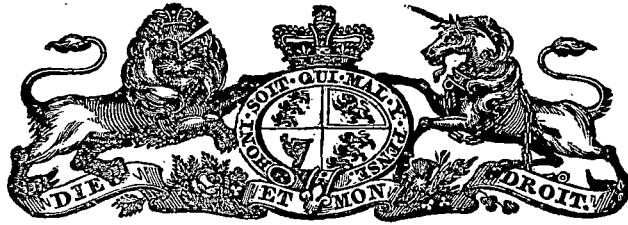


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Presented by Mr. Lewis, and ordered by the House to be printed, September 2,
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To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Warden, Councillors, and Municipal Electors of the District of Clarence.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT *The Small Debts Act*, 31 Vict. No. 15, is quite inoperative in this District, from the intricacy of its proceedings and the number of Forms in operation (72). And whereas by the existing Law the Registrar of the Court is debarred from drawing Plaints for persons seeking redress under its provisions,—a power that was always enjoyed under the previous Court of Requests Act, and which was invariably found to work well. The consequence is, parties in this District are now prevented from recovering their just demands,—hence the new Law is alike prejudicial to them as to this Municipality, as well as the general Government; and a large amount of Fees is lost to this Municipality in consequence.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will pass a Law adapted to the requirements of the Municipal Districts, so that persons residing therein might obtain easy recovery of their just demands.

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

Given under our hands and the Corporate Seal of the Municipality
of Clarence, this 31st day of August, 1868.

EDW. ABBOTT, *Warden.*

W. I. THOMAS, *Council Clerk.*