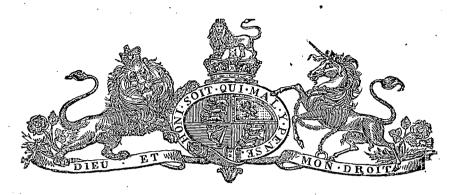


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MR. JOHN RUSSELL'S PETITION.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, 26 September, 1865.



To His Excellency Colonel Thomas Gore Browne, C.B., Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Island of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

The humble Petition of John Russell, of the Franklin, River Huon, in Tasmania aforesaid, Farmer.

SHOWETH:

That your Petitioner arrived in this Colony as a Bounty Immigrant in the year 1855, by the ship Ocean Chief.

- 2. That your Petitioner located himself on a small piece of land at the Franklin, and by dint of hard labour saved a considerable sum of money, which he invested in the land hereinafter referred to.
- 3. That in the year 1861 your Petitioner selected 320 acres of land in the Parish of Thanet, in the County of Kent, in Tasmania, and paid £13 15s. for Survey Fee, and £76 16s. the Deposit required by "The Waste Lands Act."
- 4. That owing to the low price obtained for produce, and the general depreciation of the value of property, your Petitioner has been unable to comply with the Regulations required by "The Waste Lands Act" as to payment of the instalments, and thereby the same land became forfeit to the Crown, but is not yet resold.
 - 5. That your Petitioner is a married man with a family of children.
- 6. That your Petitioner is desirous of taking 100 acres part of the said 320 acres, and pay the balance of the purchase money.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to grant your Petitioner a return of the Deposit he has paid, or a grant of 100 acres of the said land.

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

JOHN RUSSELL.