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To the Members of the House of Assembly in Tasmania, in Council assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Waggoners, Carriers, Draymen, and other residents in and near the Sandhill Toll-gate, on the Main line of Road near Launceston.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have frequently to pass through the Toll-gate situated at the Sand-hill near Launceston, in Tasmania, and pay certain dues prescribed by law. The said Dues or Fees are relieved within the space of twenty-four hours on the same Vehicles, Cattle, or other property when repassing, if more than once ; viz., coming and going back through the said Toll-gate at any subsequent time.

That this double and often trebled Fee or Toll, exacted within the said twenty-four hours from the same source, presses heavily on the poor man, and is not more burdensome than injurious to trade, and other interests connected with the various Districts around the Town of Launceston, especially at the present time when the Colony is labouring under universal depression.

That your Petitioners most respectfully desire to call the attention of your Honourable House to the existence of a Fee or Toll being chargeable at the said Toll-gate on each load of sand or gravel required by the Corporation for the improvement of the streets of Launceston, and other public works ; and that in hopes that your House will cause the same to be exempt from any Toll or Fee whatsoever, as in England and elsewhere,

Your humble Petitioners therefore respectfully pray that, to obviate reiterated demands of the present Toll or Fees under the foregoing circumstances, it shall appear in the wisdom of your House just and expedient to sanction no more than the first payment of a Toll or Fee for the same object passing through the said Toll-gate as often after as may be required, such exemption to have effect within the space only of twenty-four consecutive hours.

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

[Here follow 22 Signatures.]