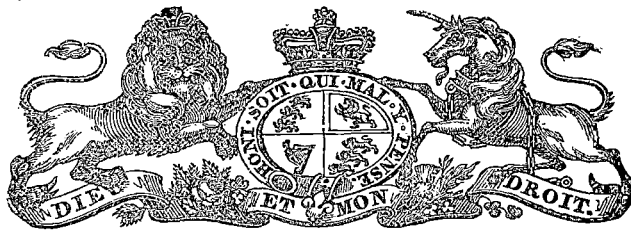


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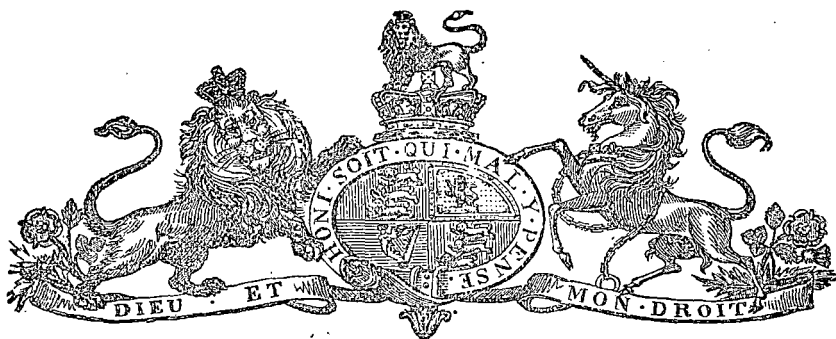
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

WILLIAM HOWARD:

PETITION.

Return to an Order of the House. (Mr. Dooley.)

Laid on the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, and ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed, October 5, 1888.



*To His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania and its Dependencies,
in Council assembled.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The Petition of the undersigned hereby sheweth :

THAT in June, 1864, my father, William Howard, purchased on credit under the provisions of the Waste Lands Act two lots of land situated in the County of Devon, Parish of Forrabury, one, 99 acres, on which he paid in instalments the sum of £40 6s. 7d., and 100 acres on which he paid £71 5s.—in all £111 11s. 7d.

The reason why he failed to complete the purchase was bad crops and low prices for the little he had grown. For five or six years the times were so bad that he could with difficulty grow sufficient grain to pay the rent of the farm and to find food for his family, and, finally, to complete his misfortune, he fell off a straw-stack, injuring him so severely that he never did any work from that day till the day he died, and was compelled to keep to his bed one year before he died. The expenses attending his sickness being so great it took almost all he had, completely preventing him from completing the purchase of the land.

In August, 1883, I, his son, selected for purchase on credit under the 24th Section of the Waste Lands Act the before-mentioned two lots of land, and have paid thereon in fees and instalments £79 11s. 8d. I have laboured long and hard on the said land, which is of an inferior quality, and am now, like my father when he defaulted, in straitened circumstances, and unable to pay the accumulating instalments.

And therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency will, by and with the advice of your Executive Council, take my special case into your favourable consideration, and grant that the moneys paid by my father, William Howard, for the aforesaid two lots of land be credited to me, his son, in part payment for the same pieces of land selected by me under the 24th Section of the Waste Lands Act in 1883. And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

WILLIAM HOWARD.

WE, the undersigned Justices of the Peace, resident in the District of Port Sorell, have perused the above Petition of William Howard, and, being well conversant with the facts therein set forth, believe them to be substantially true in every respect, feel much pleasure in recommending the prayer of Petitioner to Your Excellency's favourable consideration.

HENRY ROCKLIFF, *J.P.*
GEORGE INGRAM, *J.P.*
JOHN ROCKLIFF, *J.P.*
JAMES M. DOOLEY, *J.P.*

WE, the undersigned, know William Howard, jun., of Sassafra. He is an honest and industrious man, has a wife and large family, and keeps his widowed mother. He is living on the land selected by him for purchase under the 24th Section of the Waste Lands Act—the same piece of land originally contracted for purchase on credit by his father, William Howard, now deceased, who defaulted, and the land then reverted to the Crown. We, knowing his circumstances and the circumstances of his brothers and sisters, believe that he is the proper representative of his father's family to receive any consideration that may be accorded by the Government in consideration of the moneys paid by his father for the land he now occupies.

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