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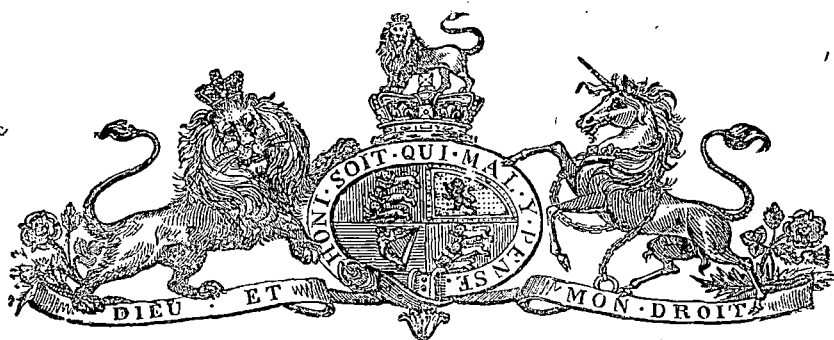
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PETITION No. 60.

ROAD ACT.

Presented by Mr. Dodery, and ordered by the House to be printed,
22 August, 1862.



To the Honorable the House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners, as Road Trustees, are subject to very heavy expenses from the yearly extension of Gorse and other live fences on the different Lines of Road in the Road Districts; and to such an extent has this evil spread that, in some instances, a road of 50 feet wide, by the neglect of the occupier of the land through which the road passes, has been reduced to 20 feet, and has cost your Petitioners from Eight Pence to Two Shillings per rod to restore to its original position—a very heavy and serious charge on the limited funds of the Roads' Trusts, and which, if allowed to continue, would so absorb the funds as to render the election of Road Trustees nearly useless.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that it will please your Honorable House to obtain an amendment of "The Road Act," to compel proprietors of live hedges bounding public roads to keep their hedges, or the produce of such hedges, within proper bounds (say for 10 feet on the road-side of the original planting line) and cut down to a proper height.

And your Petitioners further pray that, while the said alteration in "The Road Act" is under consideration, the said Act may be reconstructed, so as to make it self-contained; and that the 36th Clause, which has given rise to considerable trouble, dispute, and litigation, may be expunged, as the 35th Clause is quite sufficient for all purposes:

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

H. B. Nickolls,
A. J. Horne,
James Green,
George Lucas,
William Lee,
James Ross,
George Gibson, } *Longford Trustees.*

John Ralston,
John Bryan,
John Powell,
Robert Hunter,
Joseph Kirkby,
George Robotham,
John Youl, } *Evandale Trustees.*

The Evandale Road Trustees not having taken action in the matter of cutting the Gorse, cannot state exactly as to the cost, but consider the above not an over estimate.

Longford, 6th August, 1862.