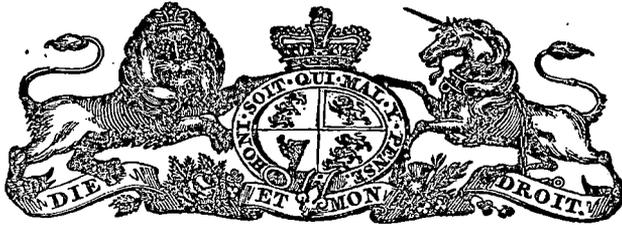


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P E T I T I O N

FROM THE DORSET ROAD TRUST AGAINST WITHDRAWING
AID FROM ROADS.

Presented by Mr. Sherwin, and ordered by the House to be printed, 15 August,
1865.



*To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly of Tasmania,
in Parliament assembled.*

Petition from the Dorset Road Trust.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT notice has been given by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer for a Motion to set aside the recent "Waste Lands Act," so far as assisting the several Road Districts with the Contribution in aid of Assessments for making and repairing Roads.

That such a Motion, if carried, will involve the Dorset Road Trustees in difficulties, inasmuch as they have commenced Works and entered into Contracts depending on the good faith of the Government in carrying out the said law as respects the payment of the said Contribution in aid.

That, in addition to this, the Main Road to George Town passes through the entire Road District, being also the Road to the new Gold Diggings at the "Devil's Den," which road, by the additional traffic to said Diggings, is being sadly cut up and injured, requiring an immediate and extraneous outlay in consequence; and by the withdrawal of the Contribution in aid, as provided by law, your Petitioners will be deprived of the means they have calculated upon to carry out their engagements, and the requirements of the Road District, for 1865.

We therefore respectfully beg your Honorable House not to alter the said law, as far as Road Districts are concerned, for this present year, in order that Road Trusts may have ample notice of such contemplated changes some time prior to levying of Rates and expenditure of Trust Funds, and forming Contracts, &c.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

For the Dorset Road Trustees,

A. M. MILLIGAN, *Chairman.*