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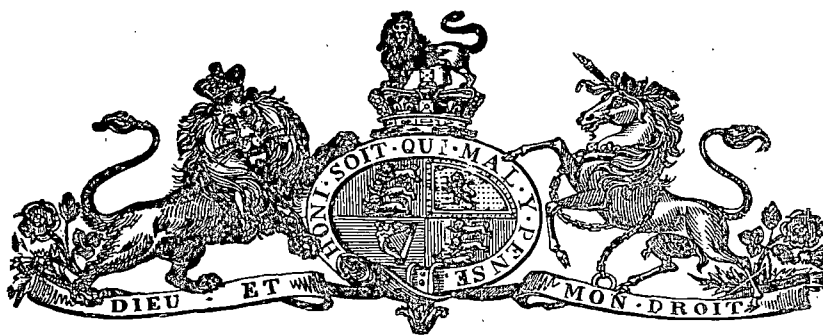
MRS. JOHN LORD:

PETITION.

*(Mr. Rooke, December 2, 1892.)*

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Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed.



*To the Honorable the President and the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of Eliza Parnell Lord, of Hobart, in Tasmania, Widow.

SHOWETH :

1. THAT your Petitioner is the Widow of John Lord, deceased, who was for many years a Member of your Honorable House.

2. That your Petitioner has read the reports of the proceedings of your Honorable Council which took place on the first day of December instant, and wherein the rights or interests of your Petitioner in certain property in Hobart were discussed, and your Petitioner now craves that she may be permitted to lay before your Honorable Council the following facts:—

3. That your Petitioner holds all the title deeds of the properties purported to be conveyed to the Government by my son Alfred Lord as the legal owner of the same, and that such deeds were not asked for by or produced to the Law Officers of the Crown when the purchase was purported to be effected, but that such purchase was purported to be carried out without my consent or even knowledge.

4. That the sum of Twelve thousand Pounds is stated to be the purchase money of my property, and that Mr. Alfred Lord was paid Eight thousand Pounds of such purchase money, and that Four thousand Pounds was retained by the Government for myself and family.

5. That I am informed that the said sum of Four thousand Pounds belongs to Mr. Alfred Lord, and that no part of it can be given to me or my children if they agreed to sell the Government their interests; and on reference to the Memorial of the Deed of Conveyance dated the seventeenth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and made between the said Alfred Edwin Lord of the one part, and Her Majesty the Queen of the other part, in the Registrar of Deeds Office in the Supreme Court, I find the following contained in such Memorial:—“And it was by the now memorializing Indenture witnessed that in consideration of the sum of Twelve thousand Pounds paid by the Treasurer of Tasmania on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen to the said Alfred Edwin Lord the receipt of which sum was thereby acknowledged the said Alfred Edwin Lord as beneficial owner thereby surrendered yielded up and conveyed unto Her Majesty the Queen the pieces of land therein and hereinafter described to and to the use of Her Majesty.”

6. That your Petitioner has read that the Honorable the Chief Secretary of your Honorable House stated that the best way to have dealt with the whole question was to have had a Select Committee to enquire into the said purchase; and your Petitioner humbly asks your Honorable Council to grant such Committee accordingly, and your Petitioner will be prepared to show to such Committee the injury she and her children have suffered, and that the said purchase ought never to have been carried out, but that the said sum of Twelve thousand Pounds ought to be deposited and bearing interest which should be paid to your Petitioner and her children during her life, and afterwards the corpus could be paid to her son Mr. Alfred Lord if he survives your Petitioner, but if your Petitioner survives her son Mr. Alfred Lord your Petitioner believes there is a doubt as to whether all her children do not take a share in the property equally.

7. Your Petitioner humbly asks, as a Widow of a Member of your late Honorable Council, and also in the cause of truth and justice, that you will not pass any Bill to deprive her of her rights, as she is informed the Law Officers of the Crown are preparing such a Bill to be presented to your Honorable Council which would have the effect of taking away her statutory or other rights.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Council will grant a Committee of Enquiry into the above facts, and give such relief as your Honorable Council may deem fit.

And your Petitioner will ever pray, &c.

Dated this second day of December, 1892.

ELIZA LORD.