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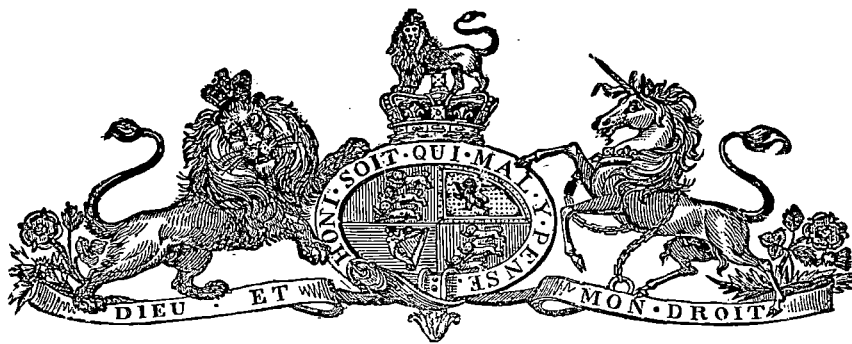
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P E T I T I O N I N R E G A R D T O H I S L A N D P U R C H A S E.

Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, and ordered by the House to be printed, November 30, 1871.



*To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esq., Captain-General
and Governor of Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

The Petition of the undersigned,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Memorialist, having saved a little money as a milkman in Hobart Town, was, upon the recommendation of an acquaintance in Town, and the apparently liberal terms proposed in "The Waste Lands Act," induced to select 50 acres, to be paid for by instalments, in the vicinity of North West Bay. Upon application at the Survey Office he saw that there was a road traced on the map, which he supposed, and was led to believe, would enable him to bring his produce to market.

Your Memorialist, like many others who select portions of Crown Lands to make themselves a home, had no experience of the nature and quality of a great proportion of the Crown Lands open for selection by purchasers. Nor did he ever imagine that a road would appear on the map where none existed, and where it would be scarcely possible to make one. Relying on the good faith of Government, and believing that no Government would take advantage of the inexperience and credulity of those they invited to settle upon their estate, and by so doing take from them, in the name of law, the earnings of perhaps the best part of their lives in exchange for valueless consideration,

Your Memorialist selected 50 acres in the district aforesaid, and for which he has paid the following sums; by

£12 Deposit, 15th June, 1860.
6 Instalment, 8th August, 1861.
6 Ditto, 12th September, 1862.
6 Ditto, 11th September, 1863.
5 Survey Fee.

£35

Having paid the above sums your Memorialist, after closing his business in Hobart Town, proceeded to occupy the selection with the view of cultivating and settling upon it, but he found the road marked upon the map might, for all useful purposes, as well have been traced on the waters of Storm Bay. There were no means of ingress or egress, so the land was valueless; and the consequence to your Memorialist is that he has been obliged to make another selection in the District of the Sand Fly, after losing a considerable portion of his savings through his confidence in the good faith and equity of the Government.

Your Memorialist, therefore, respectfully prays that Your Excellency will take the hardship of his case into consideration, and recommend your Executive to either return his money, for which they have given no equivalent, or give him land equal in value to the amount he has paid.

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

JAMES BRYAN.