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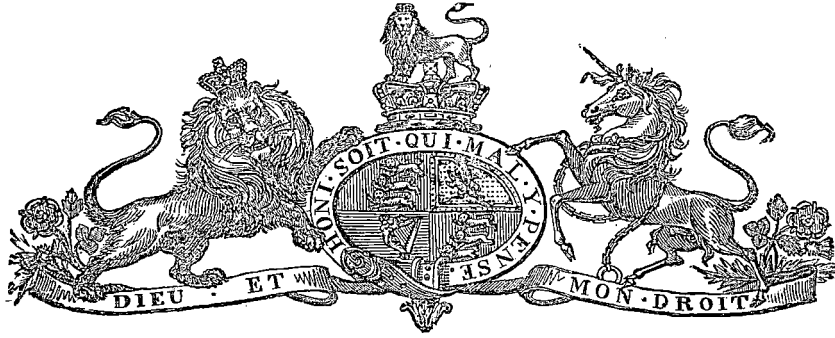
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DR. CROWTHER'S PETITION.

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Laid on the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, September 19, 1865.



To His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, C.B., Governor in Council.

The humble Petition of the undersigned.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioner, at a considerable cost, has constructed and built at Little Oyster Cove, in the Parish of Coningham, a substantial Tramroad, commencing at the water's edge and extending three miles and a half, and terminating a short distance from land in the occupation of the Crown.

That for the last six years this Tramroad has been in daily use on Petitioner's own account ; and for the last six months has been made available to the public, being the only channel through which the Locatees upon Crown Lands can get their Timber Produce to the water.

That, in addition to the said Tramroad, a piled and framed Jetty has been erected, extending one hundred and fifty feet into the sea, at the end of which, at a depth of water of twenty feet, Ships of five hundred tons burthen have loaded.

This Jetty has proved, and continues to prove, a great public convenience, as the Steamer trading to the Huon calls regularly twice a week to land and receive passengers.

It may be as well to mention that no other Jetty exists between Hobart Town and Three-hut Point.

That, in accordance with the principle already acknowledged by "The Waste Lands Act" and House of Assembly in regard to the construction of Tramroads, your Petitioner prays that a grant may be made to him of 640 acres or (1 sq. m.) one square mile of land in the vicinity of the Tramroad for every mile in length of Tramroad so constructed ; or if such quantity be not available at that place, a right of selection to the same extent elsewhere.

And that the land thus to be granted to your Petitioner may include the land on each side of the Tramway to the distance of one-quarter of a mile, where such land belongs to the Crown.

And your Petitioner further prays, that Your Excellency will be pleased to take such steps during the present Session of Parliament as may be necessary to procure its sanction to a Resolution for giving effect to the prayer of this Petition.

And your Petitioner will ever pray, &c.

WILLIAM LODEK. CROWTHER.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, 18th September, 1865.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you, that your Petition to His Excellency the Governor in Council, praying that you may be granted 640 acres of Land for every mile in length of your Tramroad at Little Oyster Cove, has been duly considered ; and, in reply, I am instructed to inform you that the prayer of your Petition cannot be complied with.

The construction of the Tramway, and the erection of the Jetty, were undertaken solely for your own private and exclusive profit, and not for public use and advantage ; and, under these circumstances, your case does not come within the category of those to which the provisions of the Waste Lands Act were intended to apply.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JAMES WHYTE.

W. L. CROWTHER, Esq., Macquarie-street.