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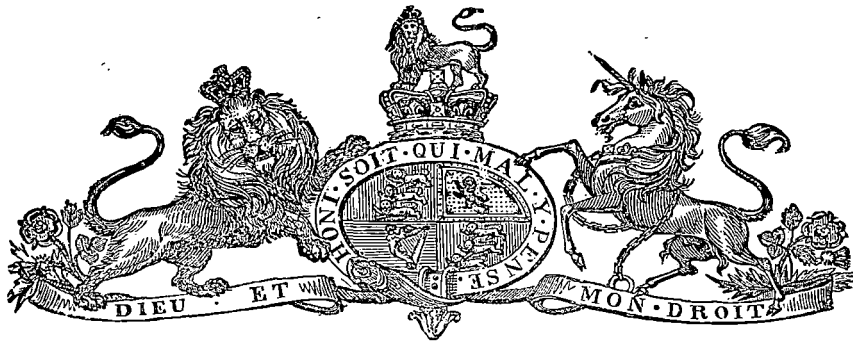
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Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, and ordered by the House to be printed, November 30, 1871.



*To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor-General of Tasmania.*

The Memorial of the undersigned,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Memorialist in the month of July, 1861, selected under "The Waste Lands Act, 1858," a Lot of 320 acres of Crown Land, in the Parish of Thanet, District of the Franklin, and for which he paid the deposit and survey fees amounting to £90 11s.

That, in consequence of an unusual depression in the prices of produce which occurred in the year following, your Memorialist was not able to meet punctually the payment of the first instalment ; and as no discretion was left in the then state of the law to the Executive, as to the giving of any indulgence by extension of time or payment of interest, your Memorialist was summarily deprived of his £90 11s.

Your Memorialist had at that time been but a short time in the Colony, and arrived with a view of making it his permanent home ; but the summary action of the Government of the day, in his case, injured him so seriously that, had he the means at the time, he would have sought a home elsewhere.

That since his money became forfeited through the operation of a harsh system, acknowledged now to have been cruel as well as unsuited to the circumstances of the Colony, the law has been so altered as to make it impossible that others can be subjected to such merciless treatment at the hands of the Government as your Memorialist experienced.

Your Memorialist, therefore, submits to Your Excellency the justice of his claim to have either his money returned or an acre given to him for every pound sterling he has paid, so as to place him in the same position others now occupy, who have the benefit of the humane and wise change in the system effected by the present "Waste Lands Act."

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

JOHN RUSSEL.