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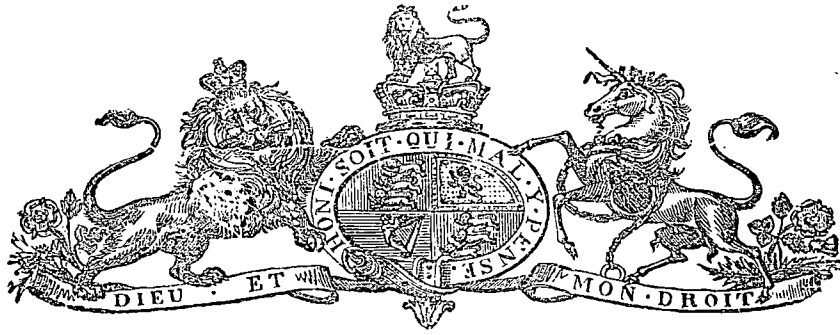
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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

ULVERSTONE.

PETITION TO BE A PORT OF ENTRY.

Presented by Mr. Meredith, and ordered by the House to be printed, November
29, 1871.



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

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Ulverstone and its vicinity.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners labour under great commercial disadvantages in not having the Port of Ulverstone declared a Port of Entry as well as a Port of Clearance,—dutiabie goods for this port having now to proceed in the first instance to the Port of Leith, thence to be shipped coastwise to this port ; and, as this port is to the windward of Leith (westerly winds prevailing on the North Coast), it is obvious that the delay and expenses consequent preclude goods being shipped here, thereby taking away any advantages which our more fortunate neighbours possess.

Your Petitioners would respectfully state, that they are informed that the Custom House Officer stationed at Leith is allowed forage for a horse, thereby enabling him to visit his Out-stations with rapidity ; and that in the event of stress of weather, a Captain can make a declaration that he was unable to make the Port of Leith, the officer will then collect the duties on such goods as may be on board, and allow them to be landed at Ulverstone.

Your Petitioners would therefore represent, that as it is competent for the officer in the instance above alluded to to allow the landing of dutiable articles at the Port of Ulverstone, that the same officer could collect the duties without additional expense, and thereby benefit your Petitioners to a great extent, and would without doubt be the means of increasing trade.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly request that your Honorable House will take the prayer of the Petition into your favourable consideration, and take such steps as will cause the Port of Ulverstone to be declared a Port of Entry as well as a Port of Clearance.

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

[Here follow 67 Signatures.]