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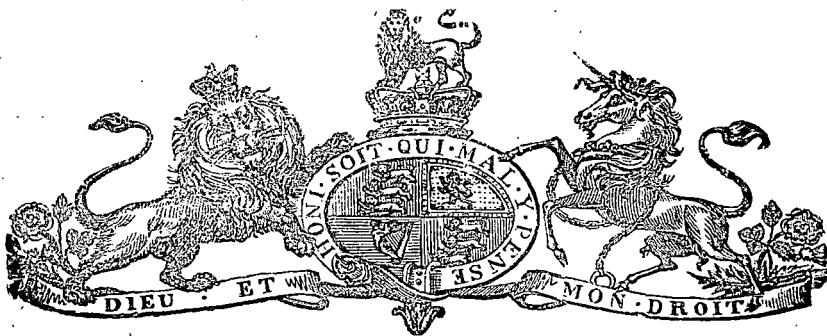
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Presented by Mr. Young, August 7, 1874, and ordered by the House to be printed.



*To the Honorable the Speaker and the Members of the House of Assembly.*

The Petition of the undersigned,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are largely interested in the Timber trade of the Huon District, the productions of which contribute to augment very materially the public income, through the large expenditure which the conduct of their business necessitates.

That they practically experience great discouragement in carrying on their operations from the very unsatisfactory working of the various Lands Acts of the Colony ; and which, practically operating in such an exceptional district as the Huon, interfere most injuriously with the interests of mill-owners and others engaged in the Timber trade, and do not tend to encourage *bonâ fide* settlement.

That in order to remove obstructions in the way of encouraging and promoting the extension of mill-owners and others in the district, and at the same time to prepare the land for settlement by a permanent population, your Petitioners respectfully suggest that the laws should be so amended as to provide,—

That whenever it is proposed to erect a saw-mill, or to construct a road, a reserve of sufficient extent, and such as might be agreed upon, should be made in favour of capitalists or companies undertaking to establish it, on the condition that tram or other roadways should be constructed of a permanent and substantial character through the reserve, according as the timber should be required.

That the land so reserved, should be reserved to the capitalists or company against all other parties for at least two years, upon paying the usual licence fees to Government.

That at the expiration of two years an allotment on each side of the roadway, having a frontage of half a mile on the said roadway, would be then open for sale and settlement by Government ; and that at the termination of every year, after the first two years, similar allotments to be open for sale and settlement, the capitalists and company continuing to extend the roadway into the interior from the place of shipping.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

RICHARD HILL.

WILLIAM HENRY ANDREWARTHA.