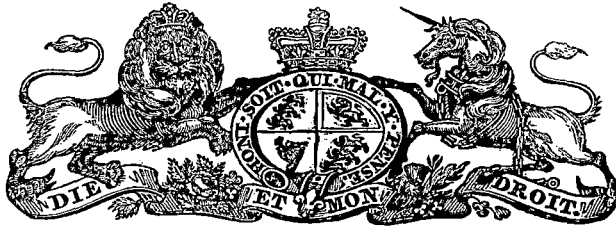


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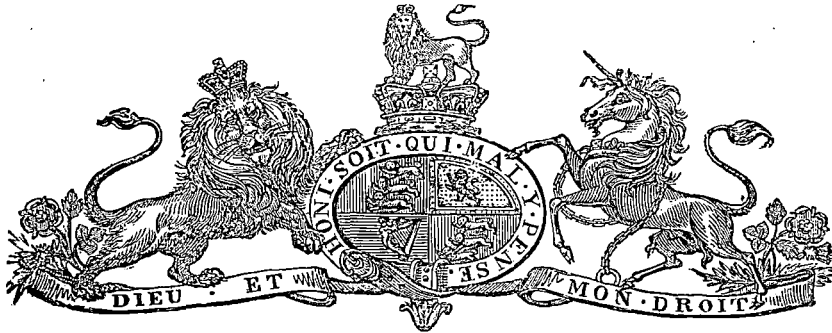
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To the Honorable the House of Assembly in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of John Caplen Hall, Chairman of a Mining Association carrying on operations under the style of the Pioneer Gold Mining and Prospecting Company.

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioner has heard with surprise that a number of applications to select Land under the provisions of the 17th, 18th, and 19th sections of the Waste Lands Act, in the neighbourhood of Fingal, have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

That your Petitioner's Company have expended a considerable capital in fitting out a party to test the Fingal Gold Fields, upon the supposition that all those unoccupied Crown Lands would be available for their operations.

That, if the applications now forwarded are approved of, your Petitioner's Company will be prevented from working upon upwards of 3000 acres of Land which, at the time of their leaving Hobart Town, was unoccupied Crown Land.

That your Petitioner feels assured that your Honorable House never contemplated the exigency of the provisions of the Waste Lands Act being taken advantage of for the purpose of allowing the Crown Land supposed to be auriferous to fall into the possession of private parties.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Honorable House will take such steps in the matter herein mentioned as will for ever secure to all persons, being duly authorised in that behalf, the right of Mining for Gold over all Lands at present in the possession of the Crown.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

JOHN C. HALL.