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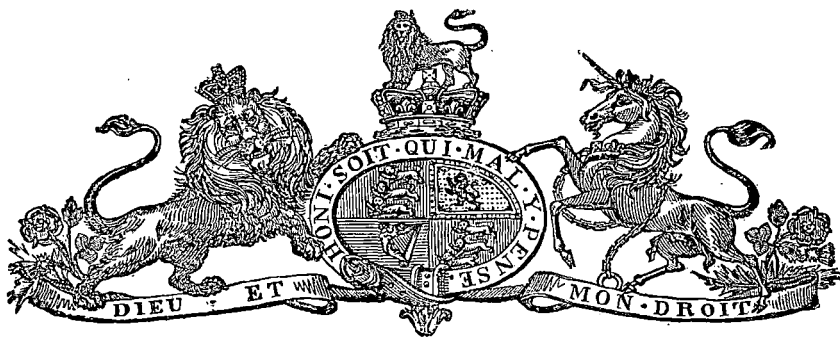
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PETITION FROM GREAT LAKE ROAD TRUST AGAINST  
DIVERSION OF GRANT.

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Presented by Mr. Dobson, 23 August, 1865, and ordered by the House to be  
printed.



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

The humble Petition of the Trustees of the Great Lake Road District.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners are Trustees of the Great Lake Road District, and represent a considerable section of the pastoral interests of the Colony.

That the District comprises a large area of leased and purchased lands which have been taken up in reliance of assistance from the same land to make roads and bridges.

That, in addition to lands so purchased and leased, the District comprises a large area of unoccupied Crown Land, the selling or leasing of which in no small degree depends on the means of access to them.

That large sums have already been expended on roads and bridges by means of rates and contributions under the Waste Lands Act ; and your Petitioners have undertaken other works on the faith of the continuance of such contributions which cannot be carried on by rates alone.

That your Petitioners consider the measure now before the Legislature for diverting one-fourth part of the proceeds of the Waste Lands to other purposes than those prescribed by the Act is a violation of public principle, is a breach of faith with the Landholders, and will be a dangerous precedent for any future Ministry under temporary difficulty or pressure.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will reject this proposal as unjust, impolitic, and destructive of public principle and confidence. And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

J. MACLANACHAN, *Chairman*,  
PHILIP T. SMITH,  
W. HARRISON,  
T. J. HARRISON, } *Trustees.*